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'Doing bonuses the right way'

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REPORTER

It might seem like the House of Representatives is delaying the proposed $1,000 bonuses for government retiree, but Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) said that's not the story at all as they are working on doing things the right way.

» Conference committee pushed to resolve retirees' bonuses

Speaking at a press conference in the House chamber, vice speaker Blas Jonathan T. Attao (R-Saipan) also pointed out that Senate Joint Resolution 19-04, which the Senate had cited as precedent to support the position that the Senate has

Villagomez

the authority to introduce a joint resolution approving Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' request for reprogramming authority to fund the bonuses, was adopted during an emergency session due to the impacts of Super Typhoon Soudelor.

At the same press briefing, Rep. Corina L. Magofna (D-Saipan) said they are still hoping that the Senate will appoint committee conferees so they can compromise on the legis-

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LEIGH GASES
The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors holds a meeting at CUC's conference room in Dandan.

$90M budget OK'd for CUC in FY23

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors approved yesterday CUC's proposed $90,740,128 budget for fiscal year 2023, which is $15 million higher than was approved for this current fiscal year.

All four board members approved the budget during a meeting at CUC's conference room at the Joeten Dandan building. Present for the board were board chair Miranda V. Manglona, Commonwealth Development Authority chair Aubry Hocog, and directors Janice Tenorio and Jovita Paulino, among other CUC management. The budget was presented before the board by CUC chief financial officer Greg Cruz.

In a later interview, CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho acknowledged that "it's a tight year considering revenues are down" but he

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CUC's new $8M engine arriving in May

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REPORTER

The new engine for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Power Plant 1, which will produce 10 megawatts of power when it arrives in May, will set back CUC by $8 million, with the funding provided by the Office of the Governor, said Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary P. Camacho.

Camacho said the engine "will arrive sometime in May" from Germany. It will be shipped dismantled and will be assembled in the CNMI because it is a "big and heavy engine," he said.

Camacho said the "commencement"—when the engine is put into operation—"won't be until the end of the year." Between November

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COVID UPDATE

45 new cases, 7 hospitalized

Forty-five additional individuals have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 10,734 cases since March 28, 2020.

Of the 45 cases, 17 were identified on March 18, 2022; 13 on March 19, 2022 (one on Tinian); and 15 on March 20, 2022. The vaccination statuses of the 45 cases are pending verification.

Also, as of March 21, 2022, there were seven individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19, all of them fully vaccinated.

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6:03pm, March 22, 2022

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Additional Dose Vaccinated:	59.2%
Days since last community transmission	2

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	38,137
Fully Vaccinated:	37,347
Moderna	
Initiated:	5,346
Fully Vaccinated:	5,206
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	1,149
Additional Dose:	22,104

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	46,809	84	46,893
Recovered	45,256	42	45,298
Active	1,171	84	1,255
Deaths	340	0	340

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	10,689	45	10,734
Recovered	10,412	127	10,539
Active	119	45	164
Deaths	31	0	31

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Local

VAO continues focus on veterans' healthcare challenges

The CNMI Veterans Affairs Office under the Office of the Governor continues to address veterans' healthcare challenges, such as the vendorization of Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. pharmacies on all three islands, credentialing and increasing numbers of healthcare providers on all three islands, and asking the only interisland commuter airline, Star Marianas Air, to become a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs vendor.

"Aside from face to face meetings with VA Pacific Islands Health Care System in late January, I have been actively collaborating via Zoom meetings with Dr. [Adam] Robinson and the [U.S. Veterans Affairs] team from Washington, D.C.," said Stanley T. Iakopo, who is the executive officer for the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office. "It has been a long and obstinate process that our honorable veterans have been through over the years,

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CNMI Veterans Affairs Office executive officer Stanley T. Iakopo, right, meets with Star Marianas Air president Shaun Christian.

but I am confident that the partnership that we now have with VA Pacific Islands Health Care System is much stronger than ever before."

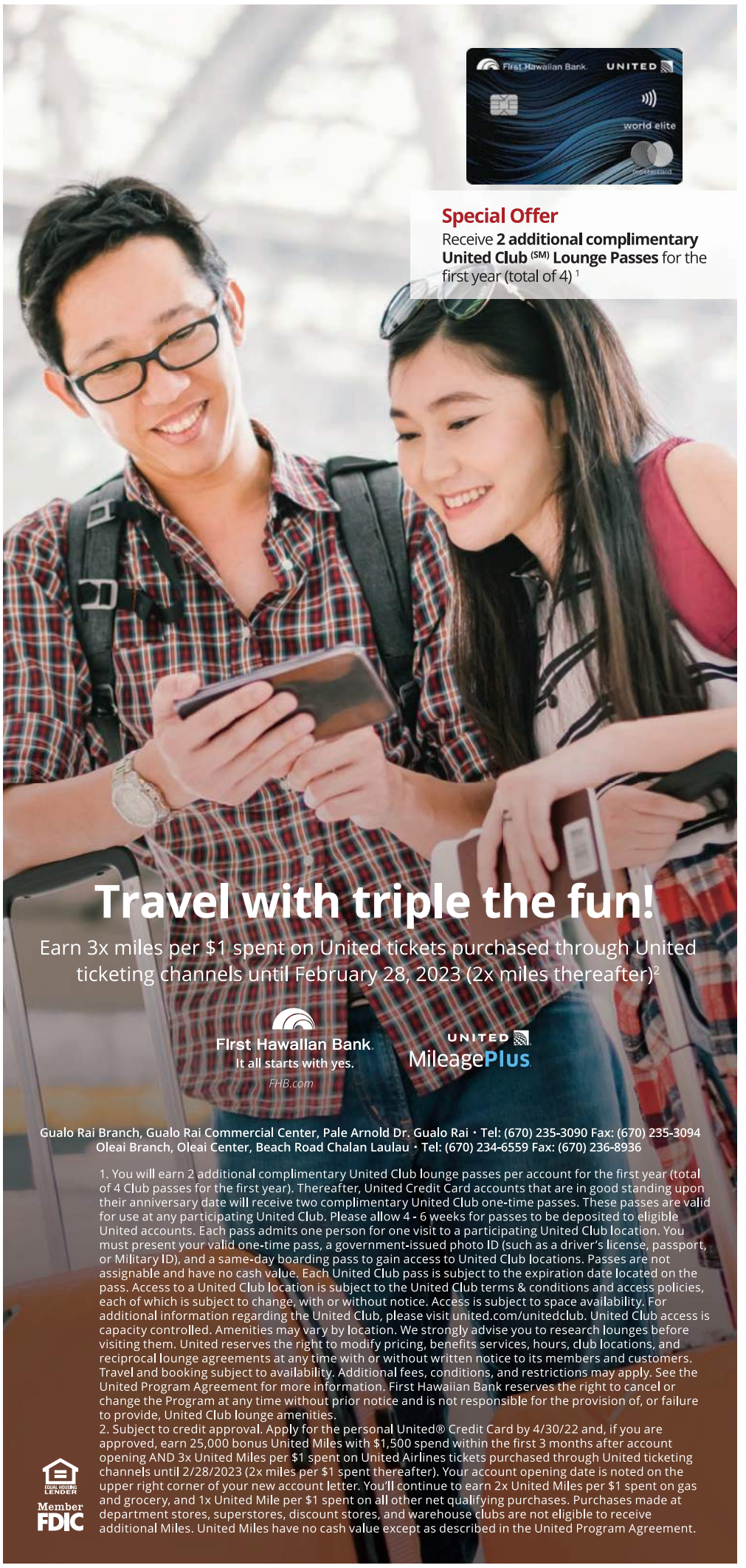
He said that Star Marianas Air is directly working with the VA and going through the final process of becoming a VA vendor airline. "This means that our veterans traveling from Rota and Tinian will no longer have to pay out-of-pocket for their own airline tickets when flying to Saipan for medical appointments," Iakopo said.

Star Marianas Air president Shaun Christian said that, based on the Office of Veterans Affairs director's introduction, SMA has already received confirmation from the VA in late January. He said the Veterans Administration Supply Chain Management Services has contacted SMA to let it know that they are working on providing SMA with the information needed to become established as a vendor to VA. In mid-February, SMA received the Vendor File Request Form from the VA and on Feb. 23 it submitted all requested information. He said that SMA has received confirmation that the form was received and is being processed, which will eventually lead to SMA being an approved vendor to the VA.

"We look forward to continuing to work through this process and hope that this will make the travel experience a little easier for our Veterans," said Christian.

Robinson, who is the director of VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, confirmed that both he and Iakopo have met to discuss the unique needs of CNMI veterans and to explore options for enhancing care and services for veterans on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres commends the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office for its hard work in supporting and accommodating veterans in the CNMI, "I would like to thank [Iakopo] and the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office for continuing to find ways for our veterans [on] Tinian and Rota to have access to healthcare. In our recent veteran town hall meetings, many of our local veterans expressed the need for improved access to healthcare. This is one step toward improving the overall accessibility to healthcare for all our veterans in the CNMI." ***(PR)***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Man arrested for allegedly smuggling 4.9 lbs of 'ice'

A Chinese national was arrested over the weekend for allegedly smuggling over four pounds of methamphetamine or "ice" through the U.S. Postal Service post office in Garapan.

Zhang Yuzhu, 49, was arrested last Saturday for allegedly trying to smuggle 4.9 lbs of "ice" through the U.S. Postal Service. He was charged with importation of contraband, illegal possession of a controlled substance, and trafficking of a controlled substance.

During his bail hearing last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho imposed a $1 million cash bail on Zhang before remanding him back to Department of Corrections custody.

Zhang was also ordered to surrender his passport to the court no later than March 25. Camacho ordered Zhang to return to court on March 30 for his preliminary hearing and set his arraignment for April 4.

According to court documents, Customs officer Franklin Sablan was doing routine inspection on a large parcel addressed to Zhang at approximately 10am on March 19. Inside the parcel, Sablan saw three wooden cases containing chinaware inside.

Upon further inspection of the wooden cases, Sablan said he noticed a squared object wrapped in duct tape under the chinaware inside the wooden case. While examining the square object wrapped in duct tape, the officer noticed white crystalline substance spilling onto the wooden case. This prompted Sablan to contact the Bureau of Contraband Enforcement. Minutes later, BCE personnel arrived at the scene and took over the investigation.

After procuring the parcel and its contents as evidence, the items were transported to the Customs Office at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for processing and testing where it came out positive of methamphetamine

At approximately 12pm, the parcel was transferred to Zhang's address in Garapan.

Around the same time, Customs BCE teams established surveillance operations at the U.S. Post Office in Garapan. At around 12:49pm, surveillance teams observed a blue Toyota Yaris owned by Zhang arrive at the post office. Moments later, surveillance teams observed Zhang exit the post office carrying the parcel. Members of the surveillance team then approached and secured Zhang along with the parcel and his vehicle.

In his vehicle, officers found 19 small clear plastic baggies containing white crystalline substance yielding a presumptive positive result for methamphetamine weighing at approximately 26.3 gross grams. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

Babauta to speak at climate conference today

Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan) was invited to speak today at the Future of Micronesia-Strategies for Resilience and Sustainability Conference to share her reflections from the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow, Scotland where she delivered remarks and introduced former U.S. President Barack Obama.

Babauta is one of three speakers at today's two-hour virtual webinar hosted and curated by Indigenous Pacific Islands Knowledge Universe through an academic partnership with the University of Pittsburgh. She will be joined by Tina Stege, Climate Envoy from the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Jennifer Koskelin Gibbons, the director of the Palau Pledge.

The goal for the conference is to elevate local and indigenous dialogue about challenges facing Micronesia, broaden awareness of solutions and approaches to resilience and sustainability of Micronesian island communities, and nurture regional advocacy and leadership about Micronesian indigenous knowledge.

The conference series is open to the public and consists of three virtual webinars: COP26 Reflection and Takeaway for Micronesia (March 23), Climate Change as a National Security Issue (April 6) and Climate Change and Legal Rights (April 20). The audience is intended to include Micronesian island communities, academics, students, international stakeholders, government and regional leaders.

To watch Babauta's remarks, register for the virtual webinar using the following link: https://pitt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tPxsd-05hQZiK1REccBMSXg ***(PR)***

Dangerous rip currents today

The public is being warned that there is a high risk of rip currents through 6am today, Wednesday.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, dangerous rip currents are present in east facing reefs of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota until 6am today.

Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. The public is reminded to stay out of the water along east facing reefs. elsewhere, swim near a lifeguard. if caught in a rip current, relax and float. don't swim against the current. if able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. if unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Santos' reason for refusing committee appointment is rejected

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Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) has cited "immense and extensive knee pain" that she said she has been experiencing as her reason for refusing to be appointed to the Senate Special Committee on the Impeachment Hearing, but Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) finds it not enough justification to be recused from the committee.

Santos wrote Hofshneider last March 16, a day after the president rejected her March 14 letter where she initially declined her appointment to the committee . In that first letter, Santos did not state a reason or justification for refusing the appointment.

Hofschneider

In the March 16 letter, Santos said she was not aware that declining the appointment required a justification and that she had been asked in the past to be a member of a committee and she has declined without justification and it was accepted.

More importantly, Santos said, she has been experiencing knee pain and, in fact, had requested to attend the Senate session that was conducted on Tinian last March 10 via a virtual platform because of this reason.

She added that she has verbally notified Hofschneider that she will be departing the CNMI soon for medical evaluation and treatment, which will hinder and impede her ability to actively participate in this committee that she recognizes as significantly important.

"It is for this particular reason that I respectfully request that I be recused from this Special Committee," the senator told Hofschneider.

On that same day, March 16, Hofschneider sent an email to Santos acknowledging her letter.

Hofschneider said he empathizes and recognizes the need for Santos to be away for medical reasons. However, the president said, he still does not see the need for the Rota senator to be recused from the committee.

"I wish to put this matter to rest and again ask that you adhere to the appointment as indicated during the Senate session on March 10 on Tinian and memorialized thru a memo dated the same day as the session," Hofschneider told Santos in the email.

Earlier, Hofschneider reminded Santos that declining to accept her appointment without good reason is tantamount to neglect of duty, which may be sanctioned pursuant to Senate Rule 16. He urged the senator to accept her appointment and duty.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has been impeached by the House of Representative for the alleged commission of felonies, corruption, and neglect of duty. Torres, who is the titular head of the NMI Republican Party, is seeking re-election this Nov. 8.

Another construction firm sues IPI for over $2M

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REPORTER

Another construction firm has sued Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC for alleged breach of contract and is asking the court to award them damages of over $2 million.

Modica Pro Limited's Corrado Modica and project manager Glenn Patrick Bell filed a lawsuit against IPI for breach of construction and employment contracts with the Superior Court.

According to the plaintiffs' lawyer, Joe McDoulett, his clients are entitled to damages totaling $2.6 million plus interest, and attorney's fees.

The lawyer said IPI entered into a contract with Modica construction firm to complete the interior of the Imperial Pacific Resort and Casino in Garapan. McDoulett added that Corrado Modica and Glenn Patrick Bell entered into employment contracts with IPI to complement the construction contract between Modica Pro and IPI.

The contract, McDoulett said, provided for progress payments, and for payments for additional work performed for the benefit of IPI.

The original price of the construction contract was $2 million, the first $200,000 of which was to be paid upon the execution of the agreement.

However, IPI allegedly refused to honor its obligations to the plaintiffs.

Because IPI allegedly refused to honor its obligations, despite good faith efforts made by the plaintiffs to resolve the dispute, they sought enforcement from the court.

SIS starts open enrollment for next school year

Saipan International School has opened general registration for its 2022-2023 school year. Class sizes are limited and spaces are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

SIS has a generous financial assistance program, helping many families afford its outstanding academic system. The Karen King Merit Scholarship is available to students with proven excellence in academics, athletics, or competitive activities. Applications are available in the office and are due by May 3, 2022 for the upcoming school year. Financial aid is also offered for students based on demonstrated need.

SIS offers an extensive university preparatory program in the high school with 15 Advanced Placement course offerings—the highest number in the CNMI. It is also the only school in the CNMI to offer the complete AP Capstone Diploma program. At the middle and elementary levels, SIS stresses mastery of fundamental skills within interactive experiences and its program has been validated through very strong results in the NWEA Measure of Academic Progress. In addition to core academics, SIS also offers a rich selection of elective courses that include extra support in a range of disciplines and enrichment opportunities such as our biannual trip to South America-Destino Peru, Speech and Debate, Fitness Classes, Music, Model United Nations, Escape Room Creation, Chess, Robotics, Art, SCUBA diving certification and much more.

"Many of our classes have very limited spots open," said SIS headmaster Dr. Ron Snyder. "So it is important for interested families to contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you for considering SIS!"

To discover more about Saipan International School and enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year, call 288-9660 or visit us online at www.saipaninternationalschool.com. ***(PR)***

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Of the 10,734 total cases that have been identified in the CNMI so far, there have been 10,539 recoveries; 164 active cases; and 31 COVID-19-related deaths.

A total of 9,968 were identified via community testing and 766 via travel testing.

A total of 576 COVID-19 tests were conducted on March 18-20, 2022: 526 via Community-Based Testing; 44 at the Koblerville COVID-19 Community Center; and six at the Rota Health Center. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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and December, "there will be a lot of tests on the engine and that we have to get used to turning it on," Camacho said. Through next year, engineers will be monitoring it to ensure it operates smoothly.

Camacho said the existing engines in CUC's power plants are Man B&W Mitsubishi engines, so they will be staying with the same company. Currently, there are a "number of people here now and have been preparing the foundation for [the new engine] to arrive and then getting it installed in May."

CUC power plant manager Richard Cano described in a board meeting yesterday the process of installing the engine, saying they "would have to open the roof of the power plant" and the "engine will have to be lowered from the top by a crane."

Camacho said it is the first replacement of the engines and he is hopeful to get more replacements further on if they can at some point, but "[CUC] is very happy to have this."

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is "hopeful, although it's challenging, that CUC will be able to meet the needs of the corporation" and that "CUC will be able to accomplish its mission."

According to Camacho, the big-ticket item on the budget is fuel. "Like anything else, fuel is an issue, [the] cost of fuel is going up, and is always going to be concerning," he said.

Additionally, CUC has outstanding accounts that are unpaid and CUC has to pay for the fuel adjustment charges of those unpaid accounts.

The FAC is one of two components that make up the CUC electric kilowatt-hour rate, which is used to purchase fuel. The second component is the CUC base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt service.

According to Camacho, "[fuel] is based on the current international affairs which are unpredictable. With the war in…Ukraine…it is obviously causing an impact," he added.

Additionally, when asked what else the budget entails, Camacho cited operations and payroll.

He assured that CUC "will do the best we can to meet those demands and the services we provide."

BONUSES

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lation governing the bonuses. If not, Magofna said, the House's next step is to act on House Bill 22-95 that was authored by the House conference committee's chairman, Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota).

The Senate recently adopted another resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 22-09, to approve the bonuses, but Villagomez said the joint resolution has another flaw—it created a business unit for the bonuses, but with zero funding.

He said Commonwealth Code Section 7402 holds people liable for reprogramming funds into an unfunded business unit.

He said the Senate had previously introduced a substitute bill where they increased the $500 bonuses to $1,000. Villagomez said they have no issues with that increase, but the Senate included a clause providing 100% reprogramming authority for Torres, which the House opposes.

Villagomez said they rejected the Senate's version of the bill, but did not just kill it; rather, they offered to go into a conference committee to resolve their differences. He said he appointed conferees and invited the Senate to appoint their conferees and meet with them so they can fix their differences in regards to this retirees' bonuses.

Villagomez said one of the arguments that was brought up recently was Senate Joint Resolution 19-4, which the Senate relied on in its latest joint resolution. That joint resolution, which was introduced by Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) and adopted during the 19th Legislature, was to address the issue that the CNMI were then facing under Super Typhoon Soudelor.

That resolution was introduced on Sept. 24, 2015, which Attao said is five days before the end of fiscal year 2015. He said the resolution's intent was not to create a business unit and was not to supply additional monies into a new business unit.

"Because we all understand that that should be done by appropriation," he said.

He said Senate Joint Resolution 19-4 was to address the 100% reprogramming authority, increasing the 50% reprogramming authority that the governor had back then to 100% to address a 10% cushion that the CNMI had to pay in regards to the effects of Soudelor.

"So that was the reason that the resolution was adopted. That resolution was adopted in an emergency session. We didn't have [electric] power here in the Legislature or majority of the north side of the island of Saipan," he said.

Attao said the Senate adopted the resolution and the House went into session right then and there to adopt it so the CNMI can address the 10% costs that the CNMI government had to pay at that period of time.

Now the Senate's argument is that it's been done before where they allowed the Senate joint resolution to give the reprogramming authority to the governor, he said. "The situation was a little bit different back then. We were acting on an emergency session to address the issue of the 10% cost sharing," Attao said.

To date, there are no Senate conferees as the Senate instead went ahead and adopted Senate Joint Resolution 22-09 in their last session on Tinian.

Magofna, who is vice chair of the conference committee, said they are ready and waiting for the Senate to appoint their conferees so they can address all the issues and concerns and move forward with the legislation for bonuses.

Magofna said it appears that some senators are unhappy and dissatisfied with the funding sources for the bonuses that the House had identified.

She reminded the Senate that, although they have some reservations about the funding sources that the House identified, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig himself stated that anything that was reported on any of the business units or departments will be backfilled by the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

At the Senate session on Tinian when the Senate adopted Senate Joint Resolution 22-09, Hocog pointed out that the House conferees had proposed to remove $850,000 from the Marianas Visitors Authority's $3.1 million budget in fiscal year 2022, yet there was no discussion with the MVA managing director or its board of directors whether that would cripple MVA's activities and operations.

At the Senate session's public comment portion, Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Edwin P. Aldan said if the House's version as proposed by the conferees continues to be the route for the bonuses' legislation to take, it will impact the Tinian municipality.

Aldan urged the Senate to reject the House's intent to use Hotel Occupancy Tax funds for the bonuses and identify an alternative funding source for the bonuses so he can continue to promote, rebuild, and enhance Tinian's tourism industry.

NMC Foundation golf tournament draws 144 golfers

The Northern Marianas College Foundation held its 17th Annual Foundation Open Golf Tournament last Saturday, March 19, 2022, on the east course of the Saipan LaoLao Bay Golf Resort. Numerous sponsors contributed to the event, which welcomed 144 golfers and over 50 volunteers. Funds raised from the tournament will be used to support academic programs and services for NMC students as well as rebuilding and recovery efforts.

Zhimin Jin, who was the first-place winner in the Ladies Low-Gross flight category, is congratulated by her fellow golfers. NMC

Guam junior golfer Stussy Shiroma on the green. Shiroma won first place in the A Flight Category. NMC

From left, golfers Jose Tudela, Joe Esteves, and LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort employee Jack San Nicholas pose for a photo. NMC

Tournament director Ben Babauta addresses the golfers as NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD, looks on. NMC

Golfers Yuko Togawa, left, and Lorraine Babauta, right, smile as they head out onto the course. NMC

From left, golfers Bill Quitano, Antonio Guerrero, Gary Toves Jr., and Isaac Aguon. NMC

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John Terlaje prepares to swing at hole 5.

Northern Marianas College volunteers smile for the camera. NMC

From left, Northern Marianas College volunteers Jennifer Fejeran-Hanson, Tania David, Christine Inos, and Shirley Blas. NMC

From left, golfers Joshua Atalig, Young Won Lee, NMC School of Education director Roland Merar, and Dominic Atalig. NMC

Golfers Frankie Blas, left, and Glen Maratita, right, pose for a photo before heading off to the course. NMC

From left, Lee Tenorio, Peter Sablan, Jerry Lin, and James Lin. NMC

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-054

Opening Date: March 18, 2022
Closing Date: April 1, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician-Operator**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation**
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- Follows all safety and operations procedures during operations and maintenance activities.
- Responsible for monitoring of all Plant systems as assigned.
- Will act as the responsible person when working without supervision. Responsible for entire plant during operating periods.
- May direct and/or instruct all other personnel as required during all other periods.
- May be on call for emergency response.
- Operates, controls, monitors and inspects generators, switchgears, motor controls, transformers, protection relays, circuit breakers, compressors, RO system and other associated equipment.
- Performs analysis, maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs of 8 megawatt, 13 megawatt Mitsubishi-MAN diesel engines to include engine auxiliary equipment in the main Power Plant and provide the same services on the small Power Plant with 2.5 megawatt
- Electromotive Division (EMD) units.
- Ensures work is within Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM) engineering specifications and quality levels.
- Takes readings from meters, gauges and computers at established intervals, reads and interprets data to take corrective steps as necessary.
- Inspects records and log book entries, and communicates with other plant personnel in order to assess equipment-operating status.
- Performs systems operations to regulate and coordinate transmission load, frequencies and line voltages. Identifies potential issues and operational concerns; performs operational inspections and symptomatic maintenance; provides status reports; evaluates and implements solutions and corrective actions under emergency situations.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Considerable knowledge in operation, repair, and maintenance of power generating and/or industrial equipment/facilities. Must demonstrate having had (A) Four (4) years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant operations and (B) those four years of increasingly responsible experience are to be performing operator duties.
Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Performing inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities.

Must be available to work 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends, holidays, and on-call. All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

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'Re-assess NMI's exempt status in DBE'

Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero pre-filed Friday a joint resolution requesting Gov. Ralph DLG Torres to re-assess the exempt status of the CNMI in participating in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises pertaining to the U.S. Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs.

DeLeon Guerrero stated in the Senate Joint Resolution 22-10 that DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program is designed to prevent ongoing discrimination and the continuing impacts of past discrimination in federally-assisted highway, transit, airport, and highway safety financial assistance transportation contracting markets nationwide.

She said the main remedial goal and objective of the DBE is to level the playing field by providing small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals a fair chance to compete for federally funded transportation contracts.

The senator said the CNMI was exempted in 1981 from the Code of Federal Regulations that provides for exemption and waivers of recipients of DBE federally funded contracts.

DeLeon Guerrero said CNMI's exemption was reaffirmed in 1990 from participating in the DBE program.

She said that in November 2020, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wrote to Torres to reexamine whether the CNMI exemption is still warranted.

DeLeon Guerrero said the CNMI's construction industry has grown over the past three decades that the exempt status must be reexamined so that small, disadvantaged businesses can compete for federally-assisted DOT contracts. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board of Directors is hereby giving notice that it will hold its 2nd regular quarterly meeting for FY 2022 on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CNMI Scholarship Office Conference Room via zoom.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes – 1st Regular Qtr Meeting FY2022 -11/19/2021
V. Board Correspondences
VI. Public Comments
VII. Old Business
  a. Board decision on appeal discussed in previous meeting (1st qtr FY2022)
VIII. New Business
  a. FY 2023 Budget
  b. Hiring of Collections Attorney
  c. Appeals
  d. Board By Laws
  e. MOA
IX. Administrator's Updates
X. Committee Updates
XI. Announcements & Next Meeting
XII. Adjournment

/s/ Geralyn C. Dela Cruz, Chairwoman

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-056

Opening Date: March 17, 2022
Closing Date: March 31, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician, Senior**
DEPARTMENT:	**Water Division**
LOCATION:	**Rota, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$24,096.00 to $32,529.00 per annum, Non- Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. The Trades Technician Senior may serve as a crew leader to include assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction.

Duties:
- Prepares training information and materials for an assigned technical training program for trades staff.
- Performs skilled/certified level operations, in-field installations and/or repairs in assigned service areas.
- Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed.
- Performs preventative maintenance in assigned service areas.
- Assists with maintaining sufficient level of supplies and equipment.
- Generally, is responsible for: Maintaining operating reservoirs and distribution valves; monitoring reservoir level and water pressure levels;
- Maintaining water wells, booster stations and reservoir stations;
- Responding to customer complaints;
- May serve in lead role installing, maintaining and repairing water lines;
- Monitoring chlorine gas in the water system;
- Maintaining and repairing motors, pumps and other related equipment;
- Gathering water samples;
- Installing and/or replacing water meters;
- Performing disconnects and reconnects;
- Bleeding fire hydrants;
- Preparing daily progress reports.
- Assures all materials and field activities are in accordance with all applicable standards, codes, specifications and regulations.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature or level, as required.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program Adult School Diploma (AS), Level 2 certification for water distribution, and 3 years of skilled experience related to area of assignment.
Knowledge of: Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.
Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

Licensing/Certification:
- Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class;
- Trades Licenses and/or Certifications, based on assignment;
- Water/Wastewater Treatment and Distribution Certifications, based on assignment.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22-057

Opening Date: March 17, 2022
Closing Date: March 31, 2022

POSITION TITLE:	**Trades Technician: Mechanic**
DEPARTMENT:	**Power Generation Division**
LOCATION:	**Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA**
ANNUAL SALARY:	**$22,193.60 to $28,115.00 per annum, Non-Exempt**
CONTRACT:	**Not Contracted**
POSITION(S):	**One (1)**

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the Power Generation Division.

Duties:
- Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility;
- Provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures;
- Provide assistance in monitoring and complying with regulatory compliance; operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility;
- Identifies issues and operational concerns;
- Performs analysis, maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs of 8 megawatt, 13 megawatt Mitsubishi-MAN diesel engines to include engine auxiliary equipment in the main Power Plant and provide the same services on the small Power Plant with 2.5 megawatt Electromotive Division (EMD) units.
- Ensures work is within Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM) engineering specifications and quality levels.
- Performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions;
- Receives trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates.
- Initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas;
- Analyzes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders, data, and prepares reports;
- Perform reconditioning of used parts;
- Perform alignment of pumps and motors at auxiliary sites; Bending, cutting, grinding and fabricating various types of materials;
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as a Mechanic or related field. Must demonstrate having had (A) 4 years of increasingly responsible experience performing mechanic duties on 1500 HP or larger diesel prime mover engines and associated auxiliary units. Experience on Mitsubishi MAN, EMD, Cummins and/or Nordberg diesel engines desired but not required.
Knowledge of: Mechanical principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Mathematical concepts; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices;
Skills in: Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work of various plant systems; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining historical data; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities.

- **Physical Demands:**
  - o Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending.
  - o Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles.
  - o Work primarily inside around machinery in operation; in varying degree of temperature in tight or cramped (confined) work spaces, at heights, on ladders or scaffolds, and on slippery or uneven walking surfaces in close proximity to high and low voltage circuits and climbs stairs frequently. o Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes.

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CNMI State Workforce Development Board expands programs

From left, board members Denise Montenegro, secretary/treasurer Polly DLG. Masga, Frances A. Torres, Vicky Benavente, Stan Benavente, Josephine Mesta, Arlene Reyes, and Velma Palacios. Not in the photo are board members Sen. Karl King-Nabors (R-Tinian), Rep. Ralph N. Yumul (R-Saipan), vice chair Nicole Babauta, and Lorraine C. Maui. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Governor's State Workforce Development Board convened on March 11, 2022 under the leadership of the newly appointed chairperson, Velma Palacios. A part of the agenda included the continued eligibility of the Northern Marianas College, Guam Marianas Training Center, and the Island Training Solutions as approved providers of training for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs administered by the Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Agency.

In an effort to diversify training offerings to meet the growing demands of the CNMI's workforce, the Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the programs of training for continued eligibility for all three providers to include the Northern Marianas Technical Institute.

"Eligible program participants now have access to a full array of training programs designed to meet their needs for employment or a career pathway in demand driven occupations," said Palacios. "The board is always looking at innovative approaches to improve services that support our jobseekers and businesses."

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente said, "The expansion of the catalog of program offerings is one of our initiatives to strengthen the workforce development system. We encourage jobseekers to take advantage of these opportunities to retool or upgrade your skills."

For more information on the approved programs, contact (670) 664-1708 or email cnmiwioa@dol.gov.mp or cnmiswdb@dol.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

4.1-magnitude quake in Marianas region

At 2:35am on March 22, 2022, a 4.1-magnitude earthquake occurred at 21.892°N 143.181°E in the Mariana Islands region. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, lease contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 670-237-8000. ***(PR)***

4.9-magnitude quake south of Guam

At 12:56am on March 22, 2022, a 4.9-magnitude earthquake occurred 115 kilometers south of Merizo Village, Guam. Currently, there are no tsunami warnings or advisories issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center. For more information, contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 670-237-8000. ***(PR)***

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY
INVITATION TO BID
GARAPAN AREA TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE
MVA-ITB-22-2044

Submission/Closing Date: **April 22, 2022 Time: 3:00PM (ChST)**
Submit sealed proposal to: Marianas Visitors Authority
Attn: Procurement Office
San Jose Professional Building, Beach Rd., San Jose
P.O. Box 500861, Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the ITB package on or after March 23, 2022 at the Marianas Visitors Authority Office, San Jose Professional Building, Beach Road, San Jose, Saipan, from 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-5:00PM (ChST), Monday through Friday, except holidays. ITB package can be emailed to anyone interested. The request via email must reference "MVA-ITB-22-2044" on the subject line to lmaratita@mymarianas.com

/s/ Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors

/s/ Priscilla M. Iakopo
Managing Director, MVA

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on ***Tuesday, April 05, 2022 at 9:30AM*** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, virtual public participation is highly encouraged via video conferencing through Zoom link: hhtps://zoom.us/j (Meeting ID: 6706648315) or join via telephone by calling the DCRM office at (670) 664-8300 for connection assistance and most updated information as Zoom meeting access code may change.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of January 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
1) CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2022-015
Project: RESOURCES MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (RMIC) RESUMPTION OF ROCK QUARRY PROJECT
Applicant: JOAQUIN M. MANGLONA
RMIC is proposing to resume the rock crushing and rock quarry operations. The project includes extracting raw corals and limestone materials. The project site is located on public land identified as Lot No. 069 A 01, measuring approximately 20,000 square meters.
- a. Agencies' Discussion
- b. Agencies' Final Determination

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ RICHARD V. SALAS
Director, DCRM

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Marianas Coffee Company

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Marianas Coffee Company is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse structure and utilize a portion of the warehouse measuring **18'.8" (L) x 34'.5" (W)** for is Manufacturing & Processing Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 1734 New-5 in the village of Chalan Kiya. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: April 6, 2022
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: IRP Conference Room, 2nd Fl., Horiguchi Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, April 5, 2022. Please send written comments via e-mail to zoningboard@cnmizoning.com. via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Amended Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Perry Inos, Jr., Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board Public Hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is proposing a 2-phase project. Phase 1 will be the construction of new Soccer Pitch measuring **223.10' (L) x 392.34' (W)**. Phase 2 will be the construction a new Mini Soccer Pitch measuring **65.62' (L) x 131.23' (W)**. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 005 I 603, 005 I 604 & 005 I 609 in the village of Koblerville. This area is zoned as Public Resource.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

April 6, 2022 I 5:00 PM
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AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of 03/18/2022 Meeting Agenda
4. Adoption of 1/31/2022, 2/7/2022, 3/9/2022 & 3/18/2022 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments *(not for items to be discussed in item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings:

1. Conditional Use Application #2020-10507 – Marianas Coffee Company is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse structure and utilize a portion of the warehouse measuring 18'.8" (L) x 34'.5" (W) for is Manufacturing & Processing Use. This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 1734 New-5 in the village of Chalan Kiya. This area is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

2. Conditional Use Application #2020-11388 – Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is proposing a 2-phase project. Phase 1 will be the construction of new Soccer Pitch measuring **223.10' (L) x 392.34' (W).** Phase 2 will be the construction a new Mini Soccer Pitch measuring **65.62' (L) x 131.23' (W).** This use is permitted in the area as a conditional use. The site is located on Lot No. 005 I 603, 005 I 604 & 005 I 609 in the village of Koblerville. This area is zoned as Public Resource.

C. Miscellanous
1. Administrator's Updates
2. Permit & Enforcement Report

D. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications
Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/6853007492
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492

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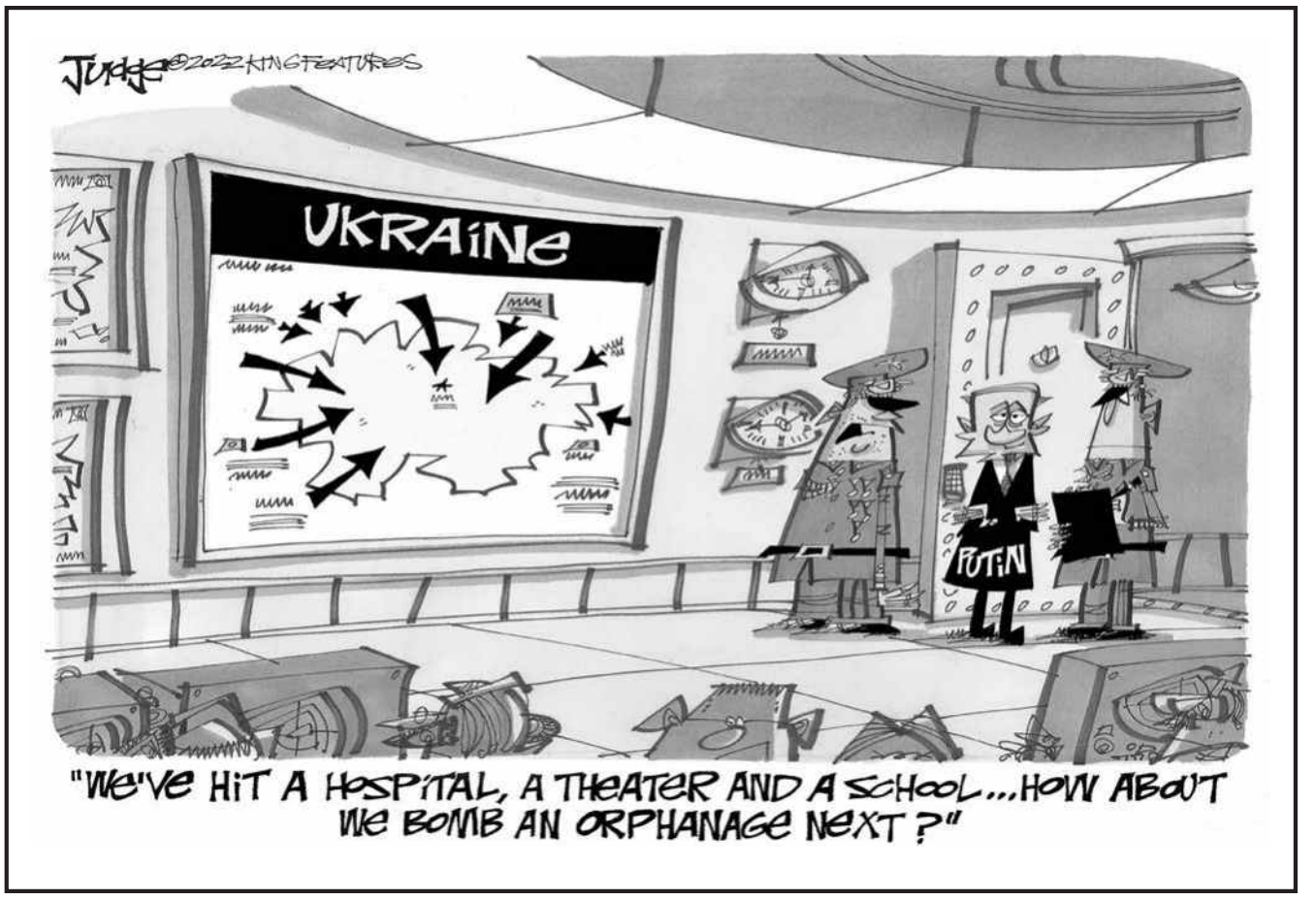

EDITORIAL

The other hell: We must not forget Yemeni civilians

In the remains of a society shattered by war, families waste away waiting for fuel and food and medicine that may never come. This is not in Ukraine, but Yemen, where Western TV cameras are few.

Another contrast is that, while the U.S. government has rightfully supported the locals' spirited defense against foreign aggression in Ukraine, in Yemen it is the foreign aggressors in Saudi Arabia who get our security assistance and American-made weapons. Although President Biden last year vowed to stop arming the Saudi offensive, there are loopholes large enough to fly a formation of fighter planes through.

While strikes on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine shock the world, the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen has struck residential buildings and other nonmilitary targets, and for about a year maintained a brutal fuel blockade against the whole country. The result, according to the World Food Program, is a situation where 2.2 million children under 5 years old are at risk of acute malnutrition.

The issue is complicated by the fact that the Saudis are a U.S. ally and the Houthi rebels on the other side are supported by Iran, but this does not excuse the abhorrent targeting of civilians. Biden must use his leverage over the Saudis to ensure they, at the very least, lift the blockade. Enough is enough.

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Companies that won't pull out of Russia should be made to pay by Americans

The military options for the U.S. and NATO in Ukraine are complicated. But the economic options aren't: All global companies should pull out of Russia until it ends its unprovoked and inhumane invasion—and American consumers should actively boycott those that refuse. Luckily, the refuseniks are easily identified on a real-time, running online list offered by a Yale professor. For those who are frustrated and feeling helpless at the heartrending images from

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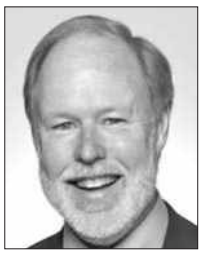
Ukraine's resistance offers a useful lesson to Taiwan

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times



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WASHINGTON—Russia's war in Ukraine has taught the world's autocrats some useful lessons:

Invasions may be harder than they look.

It's unwise to go to war with an army that hasn't had much practice against serious opponents.

The United States and its allies may appear divided, but they can still pull together in a crisis.

And when ordinary people decide to defend their homes, they can put up a surprisingly good fight.

Those lessons could have practical impact half a world away from Ukraine in the standoff between China and Taiwan.

Regaining Taiwan has been a major goal of China's ruling Communist Party since it took power in 1949. China's president, Xi Jinping, regularly reconfirms that he intends to return Taiwan to the motherland—by peaceful means if possible, by unpeaceful means if not.

So it's reasonable to assume Xi and his aides have been paying close attention to the problems their quasi-ally Vladimir Putin has encountered in his brutal campaign to restore Russia's control over its smaller neighbor, Ukraine.

In some ways, Taiwan looks like an easier target than Ukraine. It is smaller—24 million people, not 44 million. Its military is one-tenth the size of China's, and it hasn't built the kind of territorial defense force Ukraine is using to great effect right now. Meanwhile, China's navy and marine corps (yes, that's its name) have spent decades working on the ability to mount amphibious landings against an island like Taiwan.

But Taiwan has advantages Ukraine didn't have.

The Taiwan Strait is more than 100 miles wide, which would make an amphibious invasion daunting.

Taiwan has a security commitment from the United States—not as strong as the treaty that pledges the United States to defend NATO allies, but more than Ukraine had. (President Joe Biden made a point of mentioning it in his conversation with Xi on Friday.)

Finally, the United States has a more direct economic interest in Taiwan than in Ukraine; Taipei is a major trading partner, the source of more than half of the world's high-end microchips.

"What we've seen in Ukraine raises serious questions for China about the risks of military activity against Taiwan," Evan Medeiros of Georgetown University, a former National Security Council official, told me last week.

"China's theory has been that if we have to use force, it will be quick and successful and that economically the West needs China more than it needs Taiwan. All those assumptions are now open to question."

But there have been important lessons for Taiwan too.

The biggest surprise in Ukraine beyond the poor performance of Russia's army has been the success of Ukraine's Territorial Defense Forces, its army of reservists and unevenly trained civilians.

"That's the real lesson of Ukraine for Taiwan: You need civilians who know how to use a rifle," said Bonnie Glaser, a China expert at the German Marshall Fund. "Taiwan could easily do something like that, but they haven't."

U.S. defense planners have long been urging Taiwan to adopt a strategy they call "asymmetric defense"—recognizing China's vast advantages in manpower and equipment, and aiming to raise the cost of an invasion. The goal, retired Adm. James Stavridis wrote recently, should be to make the island a "porcupine—a spiny and indigestible entity that could deter China from using force."

But over much of the last decade, Taiwan moved in the opposite direction: It cut the size of its regular army and reduced the training of its reserves. It invested in high-end weapons beloved by military brass, like F-16s and Abrams tanks, instead of more mundane tools that might deter a shipborne invader: anti-aircraft weapons, anti-ship missiles and advanced mines.

Taiwan's president, Tsai Ing-wen, has embraced the U.S. argument, at least rhetorically.

"The recent situation in Ukraine proves that, in addition to international support and assistance, it boils down to the unity of our people to safeguard our country," she said recently.

But progress has been slow. Tsai has promised to increase defense spending to 3% of gross domestic project from the current 2.1% (the U.S. spends about 3.5%). But even after Taiwan's legislature approved more defense spending, it will take more than five years to get there.

So U.S. officials have privately been pressing another lesson from Ukraine: The United States and other countries can help Taiwan defend itself, but only if the Taiwanese show that they are ready and willing to fight.

"People love a fighter," noted Elbridge Colby, a former top Defense official in the Trump administration. "If Ukraine had folded, the international support for them would not be happening."

The longer Ukraine shows that a determined population can make an invasion costly, it is giving small countries like Taiwan a model of how to defend themselves—and with luck, deter the next invasion before it begins.

If so, the terrible toll of Ukraine's war might yield at least one positive side effect: It's just possible that this conflict may have reduced the chances of a conflict in Asia.

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Military mind-reading and Putin's presidency

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Wars leave us with iconic images that somehow capture for eternity the reality that made each war hell.

So our minds' eyes see forever the hell that was Vietnam when we recall just two photographs: that little girl running down the road toward us, crying, stripped naked by napalm dropped from America's planes; and that South Vietnamese military officer shooting his pistol into his prisoner's head.

But we also see the very different iconic photo. It marked the end of World War II—a scene not from the rubble of Europe or Asia but New York City's Times Square: the sailor kisses the young woman. There's nothing as moving as a still photo.

Yet now, as the images of Russia's Ukraine inhumanity gush from our Great News Funnels, we are too close to know which images will become iconic. History will make that call.

But it is possible that history may end up spotlighting a photo that's very different from those of past eras. History may conclude that a photo taken on Feb. 27 may turn out to be symbolic of a pivotal moment in the Ukraine war that hasn't happened yet.

It was taken not in combat but in the Kremlin. We are looking over the left shoulder of Russia's President Vladimir Putin as he meets with the two uniformed generals who are his top military advisers—Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu and Valery Gerasimov, chief of the armed forces general staff. They are sitting at the far end of a table that is roughly as long as a football field.

The generals had a lot on their mind. Putin has just put Russia's nuclear force on high alert, frightening the world. Three days earlier Putin had launched his invasion of Ukraine. He also showcased his mental instability by conducting a satirical-looking national security meeting, live on state TV, with intelligence advisers he hadn't bothered to consult earlier. He bizarrely told them Ukraine was just a Russian colony and shouldn't exist independently. He made each one say they agreed with him—and he humiliated his top spy chief, who tried to waffle.

His top two generals also knew Putin's troops had been fed Mega-Lies. Soldiers believed they would be cheered for liberating Ukrainians from neo-Nazi dictators. But instead they discovered Ukrainians loved their president and independence—and are fighting fiercely to keep it. Russian troops would run out of fuel, food, and see they were just slaughtering innocents who looked like their mothers and children. Russia's troop morale plummeted.

I can't read the minds of what Putin's top two generals were thinking as their leader lectured them from their table's end zone. I don't know either of them. But I did know one of their predecessors: Russia's late Marshal Igor Sergeyev, who was chief of the Soviet nuclear rocketry, then Boris Yeltsin's defense minister. In 2002, Sergeyev was a presidential adviser when I interviewed him in his Kremlin office, near the suite of his boss, Russia's still-new president, Putin.

Sergeyev, who died in 2006, was proud that, in a U.S. financed deal, Ukraine returned to Russia the huge nuclear warhead arsenal they inherited when the Soviet Union collapsed—in exchange for Russia's agreement never to invade Ukraine. I believe Sergeyev, born and raised in Ukraine, would be repulsed and enraged that, at Putin's command, his Russian troops were slaughtering his innocent fellow Ukrainians and shattering his homeland.

In our Kremlin interview, I asked Sergeyev if we would have talked when I first visited Moscow to cover the 1972 Richard Nixon-Leonid Brezhnev summit. The old general guffawed. "No! ... At that time, no doubt, any American was an enemy for me." But times change, Sergeyev noted. He and his U.S. counterparts visited each other's nuclear sites. "Today our best friends in America are the strategic commanders of the strategic armed forces," he said. "Substitute the notion of the Axis of Evil for the notion of an Arch of Stability. The United States, Russia and China—that is the Arch of Stability."

Today, as I look at that still photo of Putin and his two generals, I am mentally substituting General Sergeyev into the picture. And then I am wondering if those generals are feeling as Sergeyev would feel.

Are Russia's generals as repulsed as I think Sergeyev would be? Is their loyalty to Putin, no matter how warped and evil he has become? Or are they loyal to Russia and the Russian people—the ultimate victims Putin is destroying? Are they so loyal to Russia that they are now thinking what was once unthinkable? That Putin's presidency must end—now?

Will Russia's loyal generals dare to make it possible for a born-again, sane-again, post-Putin Russia to be a keystone of an Arch of Stability?

Download that photo—and save it for posterity.

Tucker Carlson shills for Putin while his colleagues are killed in Ukraine

By JACKIE CALMES
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It's a tragic irony that Fox News, purveyor of so much disinformation and pundit propaganda about Russia's war on Ukraine, is the media outlet now grieving the deaths of courageous correspondents who lost their lives transmitting the truth from that devastated nation.

Those casualties should stand as a reproach to the network's top-rated star, and biggest Russia apologist, Tucker Carlson.

While Carlson has been bloviating from the comfort of his studio, repeatedly propagandizing for Russian President Vladimir Putin while disparaging Ukraine and its allies, longtime Fox News cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski, 55, and 24-year-old Oleksandra Kuvshynova, a local journalist and consultant to the Fox News crew in Ukraine, were braving arms fire there. They died last week when their vehicle was hit near Kyiv. Another Fox News journalist, Benjamin Hall, was injured in the attack. (A day earlier, the independent documentarian Brent Renaud was shot and killed outside Kyiv.)

As Fox News' Pentagon correspondent Jennifer Griffin said in an emotional tribute to her colleagues, "If ever there was a time that the world needed journalists, reporters, risking their lives to tell these stories, it's now. Without a free press, the autocrats win."

Not that such an outcome would necessarily bother Carlson.

"Why shouldn't I root for Russia, which I am?" Carlson had said in 2019, as Putin was threatening Ukraine, building up his troops on the two countries' border. Back then, Carlson was mocking the House's impeachment of Donald Trump for withholding U.S. military aid to Ukraine, extorting President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to come up with dirt on Joe Biden.

Carlson later said he was joking, but he'd begun his rant by saying, "And I'm serious." He's said much the same thing recently, as Russia began its invasion of Ukraine late last month. On his Feb. 22 show, he lamented what he described as Democrats' "mandate" that Americans have "a patriotic duty to hate Vladimir Putin" and "anything less than hatred for Putin is treason."

Carlson defended the murderous Russian dictator, dismissed Putin's threat to Ukraine as merely "a border dispute," falsely claimed Biden favored Ukraine because its leaders gave his family "millions of dollars" and said Ukraine isn't a democracy but rather "a client-state of the U.S. State Department." (For the record, the pro-democracy Freedom House gives Ukraine a "democracy score" of 39 on a scale of 1 to 100; Russia got 6.55—graded on the curve, I guess.)

Lest you doubt Putin approves of Carlson's diatribes, that clip made it onto Russian TV, with Russian subtitles.

And not just that one. David Corn of Mother Jones disclosed a Kremlin memo to Russian media outlets and commentators, dated March 3, saying: "It is essential to use as much as possible fragments of broadcasts of the popular Fox News host Tucker Carlson." Why? Well, as the 12-page directive explained, Carlson "sharply criticizes" the United States and NATO, including for their "provocative behavior … towards President Putin, personally."

Carlson is Moscow's gift that keeps on giving. He recently denounced U.S. sanctions against Putin's Russian oligarchs as unfair property seizures and echoed Russian disinformation that the United States has bioweapons labs in Ukraine.

It's a wonder that Fox News can attract and retain reputable journalists like Zakrzewski, Kuvshynova and Hall when they have to share its airtime with the likes of Carlson. In fact, Fox has lost some talented people, including Chris Wallace. And Griffin, to her great credit, has increasingly fact-checked the network's fact-free pundits on air.

Carlson should be canned for his shameful performances of late—and they are performances. But of course he won't be; a long history of outrages attests to that. We're left instead to mourn the real journalists, the ones who sought to inform Americans, not con them.

YEMENI

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Ukraine, this is a concrete way to help bring pressure to bear on Russian autocrat Vladimir Putin.

Seeing those images, it may be difficult to accept that the U.S. and its allies have the firepower to halt the invasion, yet won't because it could spark an all-out nuclear war. Militarily, the Biden administration and NATO must continue this balancing act of offering Ukraine as much help as they can without giving the potentially unstable Putin an excuse to claim he is at war with the world—and to react in kind.

The fact that military options are so limited makes it that much more important to fully leverage the economic options. Already, sanctions by the U.S. and its partners targeting Russia's exports and banking system have caused factory closures, spikes in unemployment and interest rates and a dramatically devalued ruble. It's tragic that regular Russians must be made to feel the glare of world condemnation of their war-criminal leader, but extreme economic discomfort within, possibly prompting political upheaval, is the only realistic way to get to Putin. He can lie to his people about what's being done in their names in Ukraine, but he can't very well hide the bare store shelves and empty bank accounts.

Hundreds of global companies have heeded the call to pull out of Russia, but too many still have not. The running list compiled by Yale's Jeffrey Sonnenfeld has been remarkably effective at shaming some of the holdouts. In fact, this Editorial Board was in the process of spotlighting the initial failure of McDonald's, Starbucks and Coca-Cola to leave when the companies suddenly announced they were pulling out, apparently in response to national criticism brought on by Sonnenfeld's list.

So by all means, enjoy those Cokes, Frappuccinos and Big Macs now. Other companies that have done the right thing, and that American consumers regularly come across, include Airbnb, TJ Maxx, Burger King and Nike.

Because the list is so fluid, we're hesitant to specify here which products to avoid (ahem, Koch Industries), lest they go from the "naughty" list to the "nice" one overnight. Readers should instead study the latest data themselves. (It can be found by Googling "Jeffrey Sonnenfeld Russia list.") Making these companies feel the sting of rejection among U.S. consumers might well be the only message they understand.

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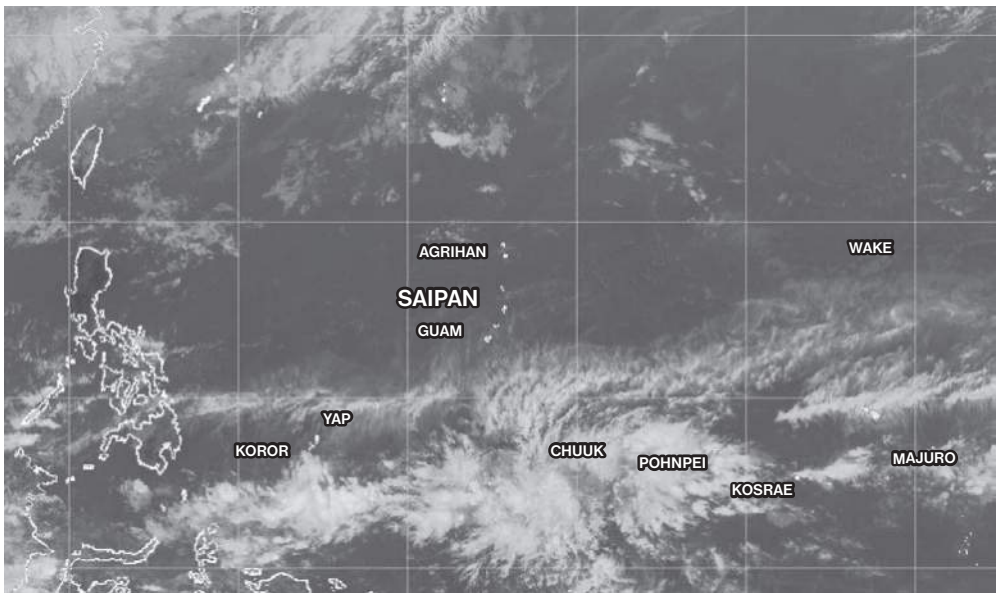
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
87º 77º	87º 76º	87º 76º	87º 77º	87º 77º

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies and moderate to fresh trade winds are present across the Marianas this morning. Radar and satellite show a few showers moving through the coastal waters. The buoys are indicating seas around 7 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloud	31 / 25 °F
Palau	Partly Cloud	30 / 25 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	28 / 26 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloud	30 / 26 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	28 / 26 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	06:19 AM	18:28 PM
Thursday	06:18 AM	18:28 PM
Friday	06:17 AM	18:28 PM
Saturday	06:17 AM	18:28 PM
Sunday	06:16 AM	18:28 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Tuesday	-	09:52 PM	23:16 PM
Thursday	-	10:46 PM	-
Friday	00:20	11:45 PM	-
Saturday	01:23	12:47 PM	-
Sunday	02:22	13:50 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Thunderstorms	22 / 17 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	15 / 3 °F
Hong Kong	Rain	19 / 18 °F
Honolulu	Isolated Thunderstorms/Wind	27 / 22 °F
London	Sunny	19 / 4 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	31 / 14 °F
Manila	Sunny	35 / 26 °F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	19 / 12 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	28 / 25 °F
New York	PM Showers	9 / 6 °F
Osaka	PM Showers	13 /7°F
Paris	Sunny	19 / 6 °F
Busan	Cloudy	13 / 5 °F
Rome	Sunny	20 / 4 °F
Salem	AM Thunderstorms	23 / 9 °F
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	17 / 10 °F
Seoul	AM Clouds/PM Sun	11 / 1 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	10 / 4 °F
Washington, DC	Rain	14 / 4 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
11:23 PM	High Tide	1.73
05:03 AM	Low Tide	0.95
10:25 AM	High Tide	1.82
5:44 PM	Low Tide	0.12

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:20am	8:05am	2, 4, 6
UA117	9:50am	10:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:30am	8:20am	1, 3, 5
UA183	8:00pm	9:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:20am	9:50pm	2, 4, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	Every 4 days (Jan 29-Mar 30)
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	ICN 2x weekly – T'Way, OZ, Jeju

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM

PUS 2x weekly – Air Busan last flight Mar 30

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:30am	6:16am	2, 4, 6
UA116	8:00am	8:46am	7
UA174	8:00am	8:46am	1, 3, 5

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:15pm	4:00am+1	2, 4, 7
UA184	10:40pm	4:30am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:55pm	4:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/116	10:40pm	6:16am+1	5 via Guam
UA184/174	10:40pm	8:46am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/116	10:55pm	6:16am+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 7 via Guam
UA184/116	10:55pm	8:46am+1	6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3405	8:30AM	2:10PM	Every 4 days (Jan 29-Mar 30)
TW9307	9:00AM	Q2:30PM	4, 7
OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	ICN 2x weekly – T'Way, OZ, Jeju

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM

ICN 2x weekly – Air Seoul
PUS 2x weekly – Jeju starting Mar 30
MWX Muan 2x weekly - Jeju starting Mar 30

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Daily
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

Kanoa Football Club, Beach Road Tourism Inc. refresh medians

The Kanoa Football Club and Beach Road Tourism Inc. (ARC) worked together last March 12 to refresh the Garapan Core Highway medians as a part of their commitment in the Public Private Partnership program of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers.

The Kanoa Football Club and ARC were the first group to adopt a median in the PPP program, even before the Adopt-A-Median campaign was launched. The impact of their work inspired the GCEA to expand this program and target the restoration of our major medians and sidewalks.

GCEA extends its appreciation for the two group's continuous effort to maintain the Garapan Core Highway medians. Si yu'us ma'åse yan ghilisow to all the players, parents, officials and volunteers from Kanoa FC and ARC! ***(PR)***

UOG earns silver Military Friendly School status for 2022-2023

The University of Guam has earned a place on the Military Friendly Schools list for the third year in a row, this year increasing its ranking from bronze to silver. The 2022–2023 list of schools will be published in the May and October issues of G.I.Jobs magazine and can also be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

The Military Friendly Schools list is a guide of institutions that have favorable rates among veteran students and their families as far as retention and persistence toward their degree, graduation, job placement, and loan repayment and default rates.

The schools are scored based on public data from federal agencies and survey information from the participating organizations.

Among 1,800 schools nationwide that participated in the Military Friendly survey, a total of 665 schools received special designations. The University of Guam's silver status means it scored within 30% of the top 10 in its category of small public schools.

"We're working every year to advance and customize our academic, financial, and career services for servicemembers and their families, including the recent addition of a one-stop veteran student office," said Lawrence F. Camacho, dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success at the university. "The Military Friendly designation will continue to drive that momentum."

The University of Guam has 300 veteran and military dependent students enrolled.

The university offers in-state tuition to all military students and flexible learning opportunities as well as several military-specific student services, including tutoring and study skills workshops, counseling services specializing in anxiety and PTSD, academic and career guidance, accommodations for students with disabilities, networking events, and a Veteran Resource Center.

Kayla Lopez, national director of military partnerships for Military Friendly, said the program "creates a competitive atmosphere that encourages colleges to evolve and invest in their programs consistently."

Veterans, active-duty service members, and dependents interested in attending the University of Guam can visit url.uog.edu/military for more information. ***(UOG)***

Docomo Pacific sponsors the 20th Annual Red Ball

TAMUNING, Guam—Docomo Pacific, regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, continues to support the American Red Cross Guam Chapter by sponsoring its annual gala.

The Red Ball is a signature fundraising event hosted by the American Red Cross that works to provide humanitarian aid to our community. Docomo Pacific supported this initiative by donating $6,000 to the organization.

For 20 years, the American Red Cross Guam Chapter has held this event to help fulfill their mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies. This year's event, themed Red Ball Around the World, will be held over three nights from March 24-26, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency.

Though the events over the past two years have altered the way they provide services, the organization has been serving the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Its board, staff, and volunteers have been engaged in disaster relief operations and military family support, conducted lifesaving skills trainings and certifications, and supported the activities of the many frontliners in the fight against COVID-19. The proceeds from the Red Ball will aid in the continuation of these services and for more to come.

For more information on how to participate in this year's Red Ball, please contact Chita Blaise at 671-688-0280 or chita.blaise@redcross.org. ***(PR)***

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Docomo Pacific donates to the American Red Cross Guam Chapter's 20th Annual Red Ball. From left: Marilyn Borja, Executive vice president, Enterprise Business Unit, Docomo Pacific; Chita Blaise, chief executive officer, American Red Cross Guam Chapter; Lisa Salisbury, Enterprise Brand Owner, Docomo Pacific.

Business

Saudi Arabia insists it's not to blame for high oil prices

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Saudi Arabia said Monday that it "won't bear any responsibility" for a shortage in global oil supplies after a fierce barrage of attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels affected production in the kingdom, the world's largest oil exporter.

The unusually stark warning marked a departure from the giant oil producer's typically cautious statements, as Saudi officials remain aware that even their smallest comments can swing the price of oil and rattle global markets.

The salvo of rebel attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities marked a serious escalation in the war, which erupted in 2014 when the Iran-backed Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north. Saudi Arabia and its allies responded with a devastating air campaign to dislodge the Houthis and restore the internationally recognized government.

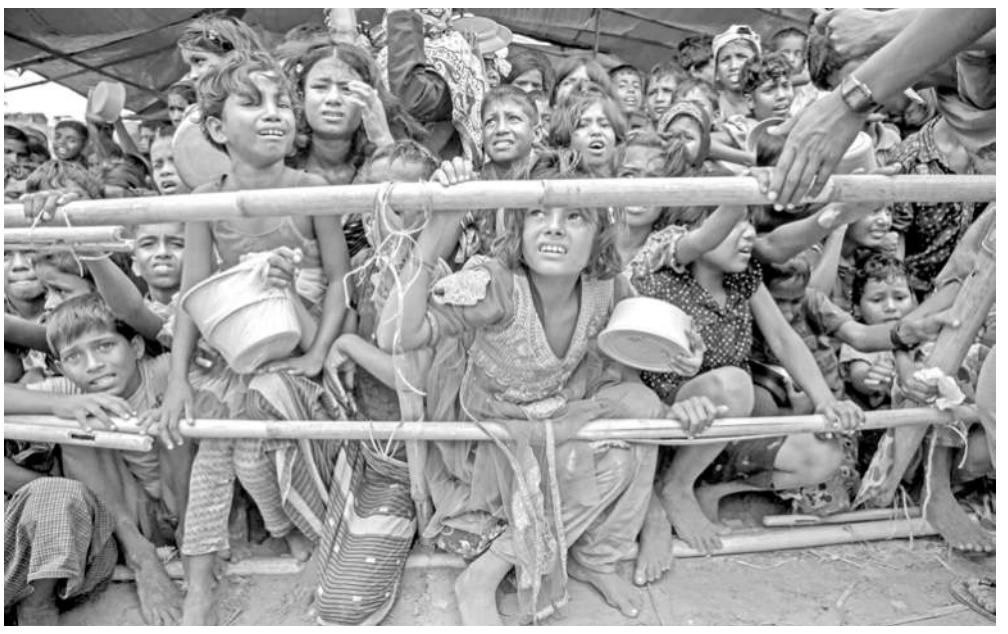
Seven years later, the conflict has turned into a bloody stalemate and spawned one of the worst humanitarian disasters in the world.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency quoted the Saudi Foreign Ministry as saying that the kingdom "declares that it will not bear any responsibility for any shortage in oil supplies to global markets in light of the attacks on its oil facilities."

The announcement comes as the kingdom remains in lockstep with OPEC and other oil-producing countries in a deal limiting production increases. Gulf Arab oil producers have so far resisted pressure from the Biden administration to pump more crude to help bring down oil prices that have soared amid Russia's war on Ukraine.

Already, gasoline prices have hit record highs around the world. Gas prices in the U.S. topped $4.25 on Monday, according to auto club AAA, just below the historic record of $4.33 reached earlier this month.

Facebook fails to detect hate vs Rohingya



Rohingya Muslim children who crossed over from Myanmar into Bangladesh, wait squashed against each other to receive food handouts distributed to children and women by a Turkish aid agency at Thaingkhali refugee camp, Bangladesh, Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017. AP

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A new report has found that Facebook failed to detect blatant hate speech and calls to violence against Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim minority years after such behavior was found to have played a determining role in the genocide against them.

The report shared exclusively with The Associated Press showed the rights group Global Witness submitted eight paid ads for approval to Facebook, each including different versions of hate speech against Rohingya. All eight ads were approved by Facebook to be published.

The group pulled the ads before they were posted or paid for, but the results confirmed that despite its promises to do better, Facebook's leaky controls still fail to detect hate speech and calls for violence on its platform.

The army conducted what it called a clearance campaign in western Myanmar's Rakhine state in 2017 after an attack by a Rohingya insurgent group. More than 700,000 Rohingya fled into neighboring Bangladesh and security forces were accused of mass rapes, killings and torching thousands of homes.

On Feb. 1 of last year, Myanmar's military forcibly took control of the country, jailing democratically elected government officials. Rohingya refugees have condemned the military takeover and said it makes them more afraid to return to Myanmar.

Experts say such ads have continued to appear and that despite its promises to do better and assurances that it has taken its role in the genocide seriously, Facebook still fails even the simplest of tests—ensuring that paid ads that run on its site do not contain hate speech calling for the killing of Rohingya Muslims.

"The current killing of the Kalar is not enough, we need to kill more!" read one proposed paid post from Global Witness, using a slur often used in Myanmar to refer to people of east Indian or Muslim origin.

"They are very dirty. The Bengali/Rohingya women have a very low standard of living and poor hygiene. They are not attractive," read another.

"These posts are shocking in what they encourage and are a clear sign that Facebook has not changed or done what they told the public what they would do: properly regulate themselves," said Ronan Lee, a research fellow at the Institute for Media and Creative Industries at Loughborough University, London.

Nation

At least 4 hurt as storms, high winds pound Texas

DALLAS (AP)—Severe thunderstorms with reports of possible tornadoes spread damage across parts of North Texas on Monday, injuring at least four people, officials said.

Officials reported damage throughout Jacksboro, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of Fort Worth. There, photographs posted on social media showed a storm ripped the wall and roof from parts of Jacksboro High School, especially its gym.

"It brought tears to my eyes," school principal Starla Sanders told WFAA-TV in Dallas.

The storm also struck the city's animal shelter, but the amount of damage wasn't immediately clear.

Thirty miles (50 kilometers) northeast of Jacksboro, near Bowie, damage also was reportedly widespread with reports of some people trapped in collapsed structures. City manager Bert Cunningham said the worst damage was east of the town, with as many as four entrapments reported. Four people suffered minor injuries, said Emergency Manager Kelly McNabb.

A storm system had been predicted to bring strong tornadoes and large hail to parts of Texas on Monday, then move toward the Deep South, where forecasters warned a severe weather outbreak was possible Tuesday.

Parts of central and east Texas, especially the Austin and College Station areas, also saw severe storms reported as tornadoes, the National Weather Service said. Photographs posted on social media showed damage to buildings in the Austin suburbs Round Rock and Elgin. No injuries were immediately reported.

The rain was expected to bring relief to some areas of Texas hit by wildfires, but windy weather was expected to follow.

On Tuesday, areas of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama could see "a regional severe weather outbreak," the Storm Prediction Center said. That area, including the cities of Baton Rouge and Jackson, Mississippi, could see strong tornadoes Tuesday, forecasters said.

Federal and state authorities in Louisiana reminded thousands of hurricane survivors living in government-provided mobile homes and recreational vehicle trailers to have an evacuation plan because the structures might not withstand the expected weather.

Biden warns of potential Russian cyberattacks

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—President Joe Biden on Monday urged U.S. companies to make sure their digital doors are locked tight because of "evolving intelligence" that Russia is considering launching cyberattacks against critical infrastructure targets as the war in Ukraine continues.

Addressing corporate CEOs at their quarterly meeting, Biden told the business leaders they have a "patriotic obligation" to harden their systems against such attacks. He said federal assistance is available, should they want it, but that the decision is theirs alone.

Biden said the administration has issued "new warnings that, based on evolving intelligence, Russia may be planning a cyberattack against us. ... The magnitude of Russia's cyber capacity is fairly consequential, and it's coming."

The president said the federal government is "doing its part" to prepare for an attack and warned the private-sector CEOs that it also is in the national interest that they do the same.

"I would respectfully suggest it's a patriotic obligation for you to invest as much as you can" in technology to counter cyberattacks, Biden told members of the Business Roundtable. "We're prepared to help you, as I said, with any tools and expertise we possess, if you're ready to do that. But it's your decision as to the steps you'll take and your responsibility to take them, not ours."

Biden's top cybersecurity aide, Anne Neuberger, expressed frustration at a White House press briefing earlier Monday that some critical infrastructure entities have ignored alerts from federal agencies to fix known problems in software that could be exploited by Russian hackers.

"Notwithstanding these repeated warnings, we continue to see adversaries compromising systems that use known vulnerabilities for which there are patches," said Neuberger, who is the president's deputy national security adviser for cyber and emerging technologies. "That makes it far easier for attackers than it needs to be."

ACROSS THE NATION

Crews rescue man stuck in underground storm pipe for 2 days

ANTIOCH, Calif. (AP)—A man who was trapped 15 feet (4.5 meters) underground for two days in a San Francisco Bay Area storm pipe the width of a large pizza was rescued in an effort that lasted hours and involved at least 50 firefighters, police officers and rescue personnel, officials said Monday. Officials freed the man from the 16-inch (40-centimeter) pipe around 9:30 p.m. Sunday in Antioch, said Contra Costa County Fire Protection District spokesperson Steve Hill. "When we finally got him out of the ground, he was beyond exuberant. He was beyond happy to be above ground," Hill said. The man, in his mid-30s, was not injured but showed signs of dehydration and was taken to a hospital to be evaluated, Hill said.

1 injured after freight train derails east of Los Angeles

COLTON, Calif. (AP)—A Union Pacific freight train carrying lumber derailed in Southern California on Monday, sending 13 rail cars and three locomotives off the tracks. The derailment occurred around 7:30 a.m. near Colton, in San Bernardino County east of Los Angeles, according to Union Pacific. A contractor who was helping with cleanup efforts was injured, said Union Pacific spokesperson Robynn Tysver. The extent of the person's injuries wasn't immediately known. TV helicopter footage showed several rail cars flipped over with lumber spilled across the tracks. One of the cars carrying wood caught fire in the derailment, but the flames were quickly extinguished, Tysver said.

Asia

CHINA EATERN PLANE CRASH

No survivors found

AP

In this photo taken by mobile phone released by Xinhua News Agency, a piece of wreckage of the China Eastern's flight MU5735 are seen after it crashed on the mountain in Tengxian County, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Monday, March 21, 2022.

KUNMING, China (AP)—No survivors have been found as the search continued Tuesday of the scattered wreckage of a China Eastern plane carrying 132 people that crashed a day earlier in a forested mountainous area in China's worst air disaster in a decade.

"Wreckage of the plane was found at the scene, but up until now, none of those aboard the plane with whom contact was lost have been found," state broadcaster CCTV said Tuesday morning, more than 18 hours after the crash.

The Boeing 737-800 crashed near the city of Wuzhou in the Guangxi region while flying from Kunming in the southwestern province of Yunnan to the industrial center of Guangzhou along the east coast. It ignited a fire big enough to be seen on NASA satellite images.

The crash created a deep pit in the mountainside, Xinhua news agency reported, citing rescuers. The report said drones and a manual search would be used to try to find the black boxes, which hold the flight data and cockpit voice recorders essential to crash investigations.

China Eastern Flight 5735 was traveling 455 knots (523 mph, 842 kph) at around 29,000 feet when it entered a steep and fast dive around 2:20 p.m. local time, according to data from flight-tracking website FlightRadar24.com. The plane plunged to 7,400 feet before briefly regaining about 1,200 feel in altitude, then dove again. The plane stopped transmitting data 96 seconds after starting to fall.

The plane was carrying 123 passengers and nine crew members, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said. It was about an hour into the flight, and nearing the point at which it would begin descending into Guangzhou, when it pitched downward.

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for an "all-out" rescue operation, as well as for an investigation into the crash and to ensure complete civil aviation safety.

At a hotel near the Kunming airport where the plane took off, about a dozen people, some in jackets identifying them as members of China's aviation agency, huddled around tables and read documents. Police and security guards at an airline office near the airport ordered journalists to leave.

State media reported all 737-800s in China Eastern's fleet were ordered grounded. Aviation experts said it is unusual to ground an entire fleet of planes unless there is evidence of a problem with the model. China has more 737-800s than any other country—nearly 1,200—and if identical planes at other Chinese airlines are grounded, it "could have a significant impact on domestic travel," said aviation consultant IBA.

Boeing 737-800s have been flying since 1998, and Boeing has sold more than 5,100 of them. They have been involved in 22 accidents that damaged the planes beyond repair and killed 612 people, according to data compiled by the Aviation Safety Network, an arm of the Flight Safety Foundation.

"There are thousands of them around the world. It's certainly had an excellent safety record," the foundation's president, Hassan Shahidi, said of the 737-800.

The plane was not a Boeing 737 Max, the planes that were grounded worldwide for nearly two years after deadly crashes in 2018 and 2019.

China's air-safety record has improved since the 1990s as air travel has grown dramatically with the rise of a burgeoning middle class. Before Monday, the last fatal crash of a Chinese airliner occurred in August 2010, when an Embraer ERJ 190-100 operated by Henan Airlines hit the ground short of the runway in the northeastern city of Yichun and caught fire. It carried 96 people and 44 of them died. Investigators blamed pilot error.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board said a senior investigator was chosen to help with the crash investigation. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, which certified the 737-800 in the 1990s, said it was ready to help in the investigation if asked.

Chicago-based Boeing Co. said it was in contact with the U.S. safety board "and our technical experts are prepared to assist with the investigation led by the Civil Aviation Administration of China." The safety board said engine maker CFM, a joint venture between General Electric and France's Safran, would provide technical help on engine issues.

Crash investigations are usually led by officials in the country where the crash occurred, but they typically include the airplane's manufacturer and the investigator or regulator in the manufacturer's home country.

World

Civilians fleeing Mariupol see street-to-street battles

LVIV, Ukraine (AP)—Civilians making the dangerous escape from Ukraine's embattled southern port hub of Mariupol described fleeing through street-to-street gun battles and past unburied corpses as a steady Russian bombardment tried to pound the city into submission.

While Russian forces carried on with the siege after the city's defenders refused demands to surrender, the Kremlin's ground offensives in other parts of the country were advancing slowly or not at all, knocked back by lethal hit-and-run attacks by the Ukrainians.

The Ukrainian army said early Tuesday that it had forced Russian troops out of a strategically important Kyiv suburb following a fierce battle. The regained territory allowed Ukrainian forces to retake control of a key highway to the west and block Russian troops from surrounding Kyiv from the northwest.

But Ukraine's Defense Ministry said Russian forces battling toward Kyiv were able to partially take other northwest suburbs, Bucha, Hostomel and Irpin, some of which had been under attack almost since Russia's military invaded late last month.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces are increasingly concentrating their air power and artillery on Ukraine's cities and the civilians living there, killing uncounted numbers and sending millions fleeing.

A senior U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the military's assessment, said Russia had increased air sorties over the past two days, carrying out as many as 300 in the past 24 hours, and has fired more than 1,100 missiles into Ukraine since the invasion began.

In a video address Monday night, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy hailed those who have fought back against Russia.

"There is no need to organize resistance," Zelenskyy said. "Resistance for Ukrainians is part of their soul."

In Mariupol, with communications crippled, movement restricted and many residents in hiding, the fate of those inside an art school flattened on Sunday and a theater that was blown apart four days earlier was unclear. More than 1,300 people were believed to be sheltering in the theater, and 400 were estimated to have been in the art school.

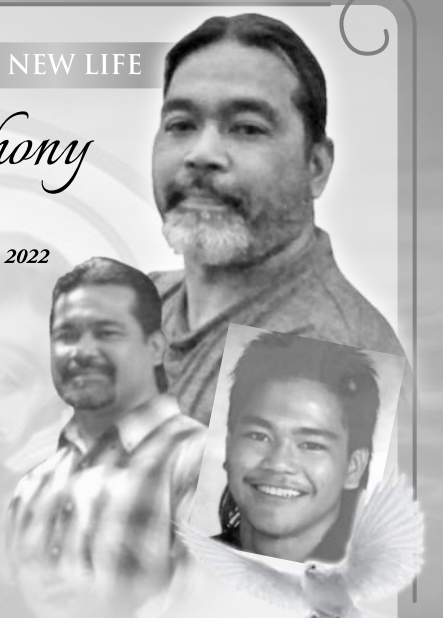
Perched on the Sea of Azov, Mariupol has been a key target that has been besieged for more than three weeks and has seen some of the worst suffering of the war.

But no clear, independent picture emerged of how close its capture might be. Ukraine's Defense Ministry said Tuesday that their forces were still defending the city and had destroyed a Russian patrol boat and electronic warfare complex.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Richard Anthony Mendiola

September 06, 1975 - February 19, 2022



He now Joined his:

Grand Parents: †Leocadio Cabrera Castro Mendiola, †Felisa Muna Aguon Mendiola

Father: †Conrado Deleon Guerrero Crisostomo

He will be missed and his memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Mother: Ana Aguon Mendiola Naholowaa

Special Partner: Pamela Arlicia Randle

Step-Mother: Nelia G. Crisostomo

Children & Spouses:
Richard Joshua S. Mendiola & Maggie
Kiona Josepha S. Mendiola
Richard Anthony V. Mendiola Jr.
Marshay Gordon

Rear Children & Spouses:
Terrence Jose Dlg. Tudela & Chelsey & Children
Kaela Kione M. Camacho & Jay & Children
Shaylene Victoria M. Flores

Grandchildren:
Austin Lee Tolbert
Bryce Layton M. Mendiola
Bryanna Leigh M. Mendiola

Brothers, Sisters & Spouses:
Jeremy & Josephine Mendiola & Children
Eileen Mendiola & Children
Christopher & Mandie Mendiola & Children
Joaquin G. & Karime Crisostomo & Children
Jacqueline G. Crisostomo & Vialani
Conrad S. & Regina C. Crisostomo & Children
Joseph S. & Faustina Crisostomo & Children
Catherine S. Crisostomo & Children
Franklin S. Crisostomo
Robert S. & Elaine Crisostomo & Children
Carolyn S. Crisostomo & Michael & Children

Baptismal God Parents:
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Cabrera & Mildred Sablan Torres

He is also survived by numerous, uncles, aunties, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

On Saturday, March 26, 2022. Responso will take place upon arrival at 11:30 am and follow by Rosary at Kristo Rai Church. Memorial Services will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m.

Your Thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated
Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ana Aguon Mendiola Naholowaa, Children and Families

Good Housekeeping

How to get a lush, green lawn your neighbors will envy

By MIKE LAFOLLETTE
ANGIE'S LIST

Many homeowners strive for the perfect, emerald green lawn, but it takes more than regular mowing.

Lawn care requires a dedicated effort consisting of fertilization, regular maintenance and the ability to troubleshoot problems as they arise.

How low should you mow?

Often the first decision homeowners need to make is how short they should keep their grass so that it will look both manicured and lush.

Although it might seem natural to cut the lawn as short as possible, experts recommend letting it grow longer and mowing it more frequently.

Eileen Michaels, founder of A Yard and a Half Landscaping in Waltham, Mass., recommends setting the mower blades to at least 3 inches tall as "taller grass will shade out weed seeds."

Cutting a lawn short also puts stress on the grass and reduces its ability to resist weeds and pest infestation. Cutting a blade of grass too short reduces the amount of chlorophyll, which the grass can use for energy.

Short grass blades tend to put considerable strain on the roots, and that makes your lawn more susceptible to drying out and turning brown in warmer weather.

Once you've decided on lawn height, it's time to make the grass as green as possible without pesky weeds popping up.

Fertilizers promote healthy lawn

Organic and synthetic lawn fertilizers are good tools for maintaining a healthy lawn. Fertilizer promotes a lush growth, strengthens roots, and helps to prevent invasive weeds and pests.

There are many varieties of lawn fertilizer available, but most consist of three key nutrients: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Nitrogen is the most important for growth, but too much can lead to excessive growth, yard burn and discoloration.

The most popular types of lawn fertilizer are granule and liquid, which come in synthetic and organic forms. You can also choose between fast and slow-release fertilizer, or blends that contain pre-emergent controls for fighting crabgrass, weeds and other invasive plants.

Granule fertilizer should be applied with a broadcast spreader, a device that can be pushed or pulled around the yard to evenly distribute the fertilizer. A spreader is necessary because large concentrations of fertilizer in a small area can kill the grass.

"A balanced fertilization with a pre-emergent for control of annual grasses, (e.g. crabgrass), should be applied during the month of April, since crabgrass begins to emerge in May," says Michael Van de Bossche, owner of Earth-Wood Arts in Indianapolis. "Nitrogen should be a 50/50 split of fast and slow-release forms."

His advice applies to lawns in the Midwestern region of the United States. For additional fertilizer information, check your local university extension.

Van de Bossche says too much quick-release fertilizer combined with spring rains can create too lush of a growth, which increases turf and fungus problems.

Is there a green option for lawn care?

Organic lawn fertilizer is a popular option for homeowners with a green thumb. It's made up of living organisms, such as plant and animal matter. It releases nutrients at a slower pace and over a longer period of time than synthetic fertilizers.

Michaels says the organic approach doesn't provide immediate results like a synthetic fertilizer, but over time, it improves the overall quality of the lawn, reducing the amount of future applications.

"Synthetic fertilizers throw quick-release nutrients at the grass, but whatever they can't use up quickly runs off and can potentially pollute water sources," she says. "Slow-release nutrients found in organic sources like corn gluten, alfalfa meal, fish emulsion and compost become available gradually as the plants need them."

Lawn maintenance and repair

Some of the most common lawn problems include bare spots, dead patches and areas that have been infested by dandelions and weeds.

Bare spots are the most noticeable lawn problem, but they can be repaired with a little patience and persistence.

Michaels says sod is an option for large patches, but it can be hard to blend with the rest of the lawn.

"If you have full sun for six or more hours in the area, sod can be an instant-gratification fix," she says. "Depending on the overall quality of the lawn, however, it can give a patchwork appearance."

For smaller patches or areas that receive less sun, Michaels recommends grass seed.

"Rough up the soil, premix seed with a little compost, and throw down the mixture," she says. "Run the back of a rake over it to get seed in contact with the soil, and keep it evenly moist."

For bare spots around flower beds or in areas that receive little sun, she says one option is to expand an existing bed or create a new one altogether. It fixes the problem and adds new landscaping to the yard.

Dead spots form from too much sunlight, a lack of water, concentrations of pet urine or the overuse of fertilizer. To repair these unsightly brown spots, remove the dead grass down to the bare soil and apply grass seed.

If granule fertilizer was the culprit, you will be able to see collections of the small pellets and remove it.

How to battle stubborn weeds

Invasive weeds and dandelions are problems you may have to combat.

Dandelions are a perennial weed, which means they have deep roots that survive the winter and come back the following spring. The best way to keep them out of your yard is to attack them as soon as they appear.

"The most effective, though time-consuming, thing is to dig out the whole root," Michaels says.

You can also use a lawn and garden sprayer with an organic or synthetic herbicide to spray dandelions and weeds as they appear. It's important to limit the use of these products because they can cause harm to the body and runoff can enter waterways and streams.

5 types of trees to avoid

By BRENT GLASGOW
ANGIE'S LIST

Planting trees can spruce up your home landscape, but choosing the wrong tree can cause some major headaches. Here are five species you might want to avoid when planting a tree:

1. Black walnut tree

Black walnuts are often grown for their shade and edible nuts, but their buds, roots and nut hulls release significant levels of juglone, a chemical that robs sensitive plants of needed energy.

Garden vegetables planted in close proximity to black walnut trees are highly prone to wilting and eventual death. Vulnerable vegetables include tomatoes, peppers, asparagus, cabbage, eggplant, potatoes and rhubarb.

Trees affected by black walnuts include apple, pear, crabapple, and pine. Lilies, petunias and some chrysanthemums are also vulnerable, as are blackberry and raspberry bushes. Planting a tree is an easy job, but it takes more skill than you might think. The following tree-planting tips can help ensure you plant a tree that thrives.

2. Bradford pear tree

The Bradford pear tree is sensitive to leaf scorch and fire blight, but branch splitting remains the biggest problem. Bradford pears are top heavy and have a v-shaped crotch, which makes them prone to splitting. It's not uncommon for the Bradford pear tree to split in half, especially during sever weather.

3. Ash tree

The ash tree is a target of the emerald ash borer (EAB), a beetle once native to East Asia. Initially found in Michigan in 2002, EABs likely arrived via packing materials made of ash wood.

EABs threaten the more than 8 billion ash trees in the United States, where they've often been planted in residential settings due to their resistance to severe weather, diseases and pests. While nibbling by mature EABs can hurt foliage, the worst damage comes from their larvae, which feed on inner bark, thus disrupting water and nutrient transport.

Split bark, heavy woodpecker activity, leaf loss and water sprouts at the trunk are all signs of EAB infestation.

4. Ginkgo tree

Found on five continents, slow-growing gingko (biloba) trees can reach 115 feet and are popular residential trees because of their durability.

The problem comes in late fall, when female trees produce a putrid-smelling "fruit," which sticks to shoes and can get tracked indoors. Because there's no way to distinguish male and female varieties at the seedling stage, the ginkgo tree is plagued by the rotten byproduct.

If you really want a stink-free ginkgo tree, seek out Autumn Gold and Lakeview varieties, which are male-only.

5. Sweetgum tree

While it can be beautiful, especially in the fall, the sweetgum's spiny brown balls, which come down by the thousand, are a major drawback.

There are many ways the "gumballs" might cause injury. You can slip and land on them as they roll. Shot out of a lawnmower, they become a hazardous projectile. They also don't rake easily, so you have to pick them up by hand, an unenviable task.

NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JOANN DERSON
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■ For moister and softer cookies, use honey as a substitute for a third of the sugar in your cookie recipe.

■ And speaking of honey, did you know it has antibacterial properties? Yep! Try rubbing a bit of it over a small cut for faster, more natural healing.

■ "Keep venetian blinds from sticking to one another and discourage dust by rubbing them down individually with a sheet of fabric softener. This effect will last at least a month, in my experience." -- S.F. in Alabama

■ "Have a headache? Try drinking a couple of glasses of a sports drink. This works for my friends and me. Maybe we just need to be drinking more water, but the sports drinks get us back on track more quickly than medicine most times." -- E.L. in Colorado

■ "This time-tested tip will keep your houseplants in the green while you're away from home: Set plants in the bathtub in an inch or less of water. If your flowerpot does not have drain holes, get a short length of cotton rope and feed it from the topsoil to the tub. This will keep plants alive and thriving for a week or more." -- D.R. in Florida

■ "Having a hard time cutting out soda? Try this: Every time you reach for a glass of soda, drink a full cup of water first. You will find that your thirst is sated better, and you are not as "thirsty" for that sugar water!" -- F.E. in South Carolina

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Life & Style

Daddy Yankee says he's retiring: 'I see the finish line'

NEW YORK (AP)—Daddy Yankee surprised his fans by announcing his imminent retirement from music with an album and a farewell tour, more than three decades after starting a career that put reggaeton on the world map with hits including "Gasolina", "Somos de Calle", "Con Calma" and "Despacito."

His success has made him one of the biggest idols in Latin music and a winner of six Latin Grammy Awards.

"This career, which has been a marathon, at last I see the finish line," the 45-year-old Puerto Rican star said in Spanish in a video posted Sunday night on his website. "This genre, people tell me that I made it global, but it was you who gave me the key to open the doors to make this genre the biggest in the world.

"Today I announce formally my retirement from music by giving you my best production and my best concert tour," added Yankee, who in 1995 released his first album, "No Mercy," and reached international stardom a few years later with the iconic "Barrio Fino."

Daddy Yankee

Yankee, whose real name is Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez, will release "Legendaddy" on Thursday night, which he defined as "a collector's item" that will include all the styles that have defined him. "'Legendaddy' is struggle, party, war, romance," he said of the album, his first in a decade since 2012's "Prestige."

In the summer, he will launch "La Última Vuelta" (which means the last lap or the last round,) a 41-date tour kicking off August 10 in Portland, Oregon that will take him across the U.S., Canada and Latin America, ending on December 2 in Mexico City.

Pre-sale tickets will be available on Friday, while the general sale begins on March 30.

"I always worked not to fail you, not to look for any problems, with a lot of discipline, to be able to inspire children to be leaders, to dream of growth, to not think about limitations, and to work for their families and their people," said the singer known as the "King of Reggaeton."

"In the neighborhoods where we grew up, most of us wanted to be drug dealers. Today, I go down to the barrios and small villages and most of them want to be singers. That means a lot to me."

He concluded by expressing his gratitude to his fans, his colleagues, producers, broadcast media and press, "and especially you, who have been with me from the underground, from the roots, from the beginning of reggaeton."

Musical about the making of the film 'Jaws' finds its star

NEW YORK (AP)—The stage musical about the making of the classic film "Jaws" has speared its leading man—Jarrod Spector.

Tony-nominated Spector, whose Broadway credits include "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" and "The Cher Show," will play Steven Spielberg in "Bruce."

"Bruce," based on "Jaws" screenwriter Carl Gottlieb's 1975 memoir "The Jaws Log," will premiere at Seattle Rep, with previews beginning May 27 and an opening night set for June 8. It is named after the nickname given to the 25-foot mechanical Great White Shark stars of "Jaws."

Spector

The musical centers on a young Spielberg facing poor weather, dangerous water, hostile locals, an exploding budget, endless delays and a highly dysfunctional Bruce to make "Jaws."

In a statement, Spector said it is a "real honor to portray perhaps the foremost genius in all of filmmaking" and that the musical is "about the group of brilliant artists who stared down every obstacle imaginable to somehow emerge with this genre-defying masterpiece. I just hope Mr. Spielberg doesn't mind that his singing voice sounds an awful lot like my own."

"Bruce" has music by Richard Oberacker and story and lyrics by Oberacker and Robert Taylor, the team behind the 2017 Broadway musical "Bandstand." It will be directed and choreographed by Donna Feore.

Spector grew up in Philadelphia, attended Princeton University and trained at Atlantic Theater Company. He made his Broadway debut as Gavroche in the original production of "Les Misérables." He played a record-breaking 1,500 performances as Frankie Valli in "Jersey Boys" on Broadway.

Iconic Marilyn Monroe image by Andy Warhol coming to auction

NEW YORK (AP)—An iconic image of Marilyn Monroe created by Andy Warhol is coming to auction, with Christie's auction house estimating the price at around $200 million.

The silkscreen image known as "Shot Sage Blue Marilyn," a close-up of Monroe with her hair in yellow, her eyeshadow blue and her lips red, is slated to be part of a week of sales in May, Christie's said Monday.

If it met the sale estimate, the 1964 painting would be the most expensive 20th-century artwork to be auctioned, Christie's said.

The proceeds of the sale would go to the Thomas and Doris Ammann Foundation Zurich, which is putting the painting up for auction.

The foundation aims to help children with health care and educational programs.

Warhol created more than one image of Monroe; this particular painting has been exhibited in museums around the world.

Everything you need to know about the 2022 Oscars

NEW YORK (AP)—Final preparations are underway for the 94th Academy Awards and a long awaited return to Hollywood's glamourous normalcy after a muted ceremony and ratings low last year. Here's everything you need to know about the 2022 Oscars, including where to watch the live show, who's expected to win and what the big controversies are this year.

When are the Oscars?

The Oscars will be held on Sunday, March 27, at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. The ceremony is set to begin at 8 p.m. ET and will be broadcast live on ABC.

WHO IS HOSTING THE 2022 OSCARS?

Regina Hall, Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes are taking the stage to co-host the ceremony, which has been without an emcee for the past three years. Producer Will Packer said each woman brings something different to the show.

Who is presenting?

Show producers will continue adding names throughout the week, but at the moment stars expected to hand out awards Oscar night include Bill Murray, Lady Gaga, Kevin Costner, Samuel L. Jackson, Zoë Kravitz, Anthony Hopkins, Lily James, Daniel Kaluuya, Mila Kunis, John Leguizamo, Simu Liu, Rami Malek, Lupita Nyong'o, Rosie Perez, Chris Rock, Naomi Scott, Wesley Snipes, Uma Thurman, John Travolta, Yuh-jung Youn, Ruth E. Carter, Halle Bailey, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Jamie Lee Curtis, Woody Harrelson, Shawn Mendes, Tyler Perry, Tracee Ellis Ross, Stephanie Beatriz, DJ Khaled, Jennifer Garner, H.E.R., Tiffany Haddish, Tony Hawk, Elliot Page, Kelly Slater and Shaun White

Which movies are nominated for best picture at the 2022 Oscars?

The 10 movies competing for best picture this year are: "Belfast"; "CODA"; "Don't Look Up"; "Drive My Car"; "Dune"; "King Richard"; "Licorice Pizza"; "Nightmare Alley"; "The Power of the Dog"; "West Side Story." (Here's the full list of 2022 Oscar nominations.)

What were the most surprising Oscar snubs?

There were a lot of surprises Oscar nominations morning.

Some exclusions that stood out include Denis Villeneuve, whose "Dune" got the second most nominations (10) behind "The Power of the Dog" (12) including best picture, but who failed to get a directing nomination for himself.

The best actress category was especially brutal this year, leaving out Lady Gaga for "House of Gucci," Jennifer Hudson for "Respect" and Caitriona Balfe for "Belfast" and Renate Reinsve for "The Worst Person in the World."

What are the predictions for the winners on Oscar night?

"The Power of the Dog" is the presumed frontrunner for best picture and best director, for Jane Campion, but there is also the possibility that "CODA" will take best picture, especially after it won at the Producer's Guild Awards. Either way, it'll be the first time a streaming service has won best picture. Other likely winners include Will Smith for best actor ("King Richard"), Jessica Chastain for best actress ("The Eyes of Tammy Faye"), Troy Kotsur for best supporting actor ("CODA") and Ariana DeBose for best supporting actress ("West Side Story").

Aunt fears her nieces are in danger at home

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned for my sister and her three young daughters. She has been married to "Rick" for 10 years. After she recently discovered he has inappropriate feelings toward children, she kicked him out of their home.

Rick has gotten counseling and therapy and tells her it's no longer an issue. CPS got involved, so he isn't allowed to be alone with his daughters. My sister allowed him back in their home with the understanding he wouldn't be alone with the girls. She now realizes he still has a problem, and she's considering divorce to keep them safe.

I'm concerned because she is conflicted. She thinks he'll get better after more intense therapy, but I'm afraid this is his way of not losing access to his girls. I think she should cut all ties to keep her daughters safe. What can I do to help my sister make the better choice for her and her daughters, who are under the age of 10?

WORRIED SISTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED SISTER: As long as your sister's children are minors, their mother must protect them, and that includes ensuring they are not alone with their father. Their safety must be paramount. She doesn't appear to realize how difficult pedophilia is to treat. That's why it's important for her to talk with a mental health professional and CPS. Her first allegiance must be to her vulnerable girls, who may need therapy themselves at this point.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Amy," who I've known since third grade. We both came from difficult family situations, and because of those tough early years, we formed a close bond. We are more like sisters than friends. Over the past few years, Amy (who always struggled with weight) has put on more than 100 pounds.

We live far apart and, although she mentioned "a weight gain," it wasn't until we video-chatted and she was modeling a new outfit that I realized she has become morbidly obese. When my mother went through menopause, like Amy, she gained significant weight. Like Amy, Mom avoided exercise and healthy food. My mother died of a massive heart attack at 57.

I'm scared I'm going to lose my friend. She's pre-diabetic with a host of weight-related health problems. But weight is something that culturally we aren't allowed to talk about, and it's something she's sensitive about because her parents constantly harped on her about her weight, even when she was only a few pounds overweight in her teens.

Do I say something and hurt/offend my friend? Is it none of my business? I love her and I don't want to lose her. What do I do?

TORN UP

DEAR TORN UP: I assume that because you and Amy have been friends since childhood, she knows what caused your mother's early death. If you talk to her ONCE about your concern, and explain that you are worried about losing her, I can't see how it would "offend" her. Because she is pre-diabetic, I would hope that she is being monitored by her doctor.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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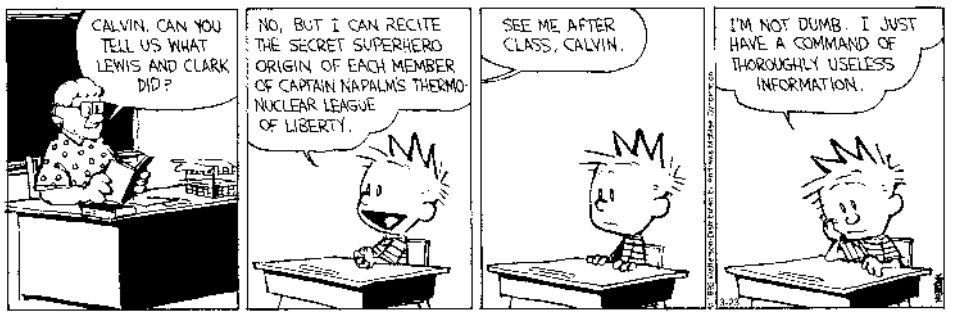
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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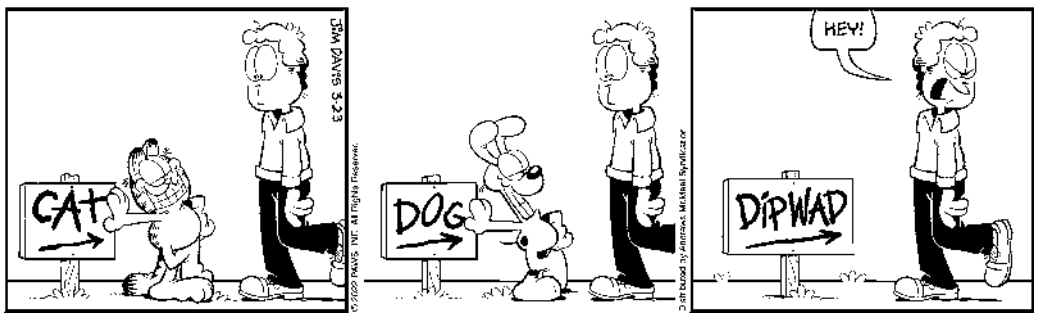
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HI, JOSH. YOU HAVE THE JOB DETAILS?
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OH, IT'S A SUPER RUSH JOB, IS IT? NEEDS TO BE PERFECT, HUH? HUGE WORD COUNT? GOTCHA.
IT'S GOING TO BE APPROVED BY A LARGE COMMITTEE? GREEAAAT.
NOW, WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO WRITE IT WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE, TOO?
ADAM.
TAP

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

IF YOU DON'T GET UP, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR WORK AGAIN AND YOU'LL LOSE YOUR JOB.
AND IF YOU LOSE YOUR JOB, WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE IN WITH YOUR PARENTS, WHO ONLY HAVE ONE BATHROOM, WHICH ISN'T GOOD ON TACO TUESDAYS WHEN YOUR DAD HAS SECONDS.
DARN, HE PLAYS DIRTY.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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7 Author Harte
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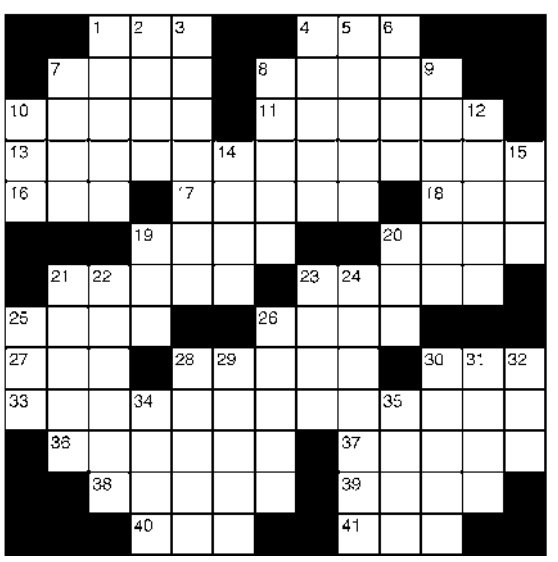

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Happy Birthday: Set boundaries and engage in something that is cost-efficient. Put a financial strategy together to ensure you maintain comfort and security to promote adequate time to do something that makes a difference. What you do to improve your community and personal life will give you peace of mind and the will to stay on your chosen path. Nurture meaningful relationships. Your numbers are 8, 12, 19, 23, 35, 38, 41.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Reach out to someone who can help you excel, and you'll gain insight into how to push your way into an exciting position. Don't wait for things to come to you; take control and do your part. Change begins with you. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Don't second-guess what you will do. If the path is clear, take advantage, but if it's not, back away. Keep life simple and your plans doable. Refuse to let emotional situations push you toward indulgence. Know your limits. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Be original without being impractical. Push forward with common sense. You'll recognize when situations and suggestions are not worthy of your time or money. Put your strength where it adds value. A change of heart will lead to peace of mind. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* An emotional response will not help you get your way. Look for the good in everything and everyone, and make upbeat suggestions. Do your best to make a difference and be part of the solution, not the problem. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Unreasonable behavior won't impress anyone, but a kind gesture will attract the people you want in your circle. Assess who has your back, and you'll realize the changes required to go on a positive path. Personal growth are encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Concentrate on changes that improve your life and relationships. Channel your energy into the things that make you happy, and it will ease stress and encourage you to incorporate more of what you love to do into your daily routine. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Do the work yourself; if you trust others to do things your way, you'll be disappointed. Be passionate about your beliefs and dedicated to the causes you care about and the people you love. Don't overspend to impress someone. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Put yourself in someone else's shoes, and rethink your next move. You can bring about positive change without disrupting or challenging someone's beliefs. Be concerned about what you do, and give others the freedom to do as they please. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Actions will take precedence over words. How you incorporate your skills, knowledge and experience into what you want to achieve will make a statement that others recognize. Do what's best for you and those who need your help. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Be careful how and who you defend. Gather information before joining a movement that may not live up to your principles. A change at home can alter how you feel about someone close to you. Don't assume; verify facts. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* A direct approach to how you earn your living and handle your finances is essential. Emotional spending or letting your feelings disrupt your responsibilities will hinder your progress. Hard work, discipline and completion will help you excel. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Put everything in place before you share your intentions with others. A sudden change will alter the outcome and leave you scrambling. Focus on doing things right the first time and sticking to the budget, regardless of what transpires. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive, creative and thoughtful. You are expressive and charming.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Maxey scores 28, leads depleted 76ers past 1st-place Heat

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Tyrese Maxey scored 13 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter, including nine in a row during a crucial stretch, and the shorthanded Philadelphia 76ers — without stars Joel Embiid and James Harden — beat the Eastern Conference-leading Miami Heat 113-106 on Monday night.

Shake Milton had 20 points and Furkan Korkmaz added 18 for Philadelphia, which pulled within 2½ games of the Heat in the standings. Embiid sat out with back soreness and Harden with left hamstring tightness.

Jimmy Butler scored 27 points, Bam Adebayo had 22 and Kyle Lowry 20 for Miami, which lost for just the fifth time in 20 games.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Tyrese Maxey, left, goes upper a shot against Miami Heat's Tyler Herro, center, during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, March 21, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Lakers 131, Cavaliers 120

In Cleveland, LeBron James scored 38 points in a triple-double and sparked memories of his time in Cleveland, leading Los Angeles over the Cavaliers.

It was James' only visit home this season — other than the All-Star Game last month — and the star from nearby Akron thrilled fans who warmly welcomed him back. James played 11 seasons in two stints with the Cavs, trying to get back to the playoffs for the first time since he left in 2018.

James added 10 rebounds and 12 assists for his 105th career triple-double and sixth this season.

Russell Westbrook and D.J. Augustin added 20 points apiece for the Lakers, who came in tied for ninth in the Western Conference.

Darius Garland scored 29 and added 17 assists for Cleveland, which came in leading Toronto by one game for the No. 6 spot in the East. The Cavs play the Raptors on Thursday night.

Nets 114, Jazz 106

In New York, Kevin Durant had 37 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and Brooklyn beat Utah for its sixth win in seven games.

Bruce Brown added 22 points for the Nets, who stayed in sole possession of eighth place in the Eastern Conference. Nic Claxton, starting for ailing center Andre Drummond, made all five shots and scored 11 in the Nets' 38-point third quarter that broke open the game.

Claxton finished with 15 points.

Donovan Mitchell scored 30 for the Jazz, who had their three-game winning streak snapped. Jordan Clarkson added 19 and Mike Conley had 18 points and seven assists after sitting out a victory Sunday at New York to rest his right knee.

Bulls 113, Raptors 99

In Chicago, DeMar DeRozan and Zach LaVine each scored 26 points and Nikola Vucevic had 19 points and 13 rebounds as Chicago beat Toronto.

DeRozan shot 11 for 14 as the Bulls snapped a three-game losing streak and remained in fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

Pascal Siakam led the Raptors with 22 points on 8-of-14 shooting. Fred VanVleet scored 19 on 7 for 22 from the field and 3 of 12 from 3-point range. Chris Boucher had 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Mavericks 110, Timberwolves 108

In Dallas, Reggie Bullock scored 18 points with a clutch 3-pointer late after missing four games for personal reasons, and Dallas defeated Minnesota in a game delayed briefly because of a leaky roof.

Luka Doncic had 15 points and 10 assists, the final one setting up a 3 by Dorian Finney-Smith from the same right corner where Bullock connected moments later. Dwight Powell scored 22 points on 8-of-8 shooting for Dallas.

The Mavericks avoided their first three-game losing streak since December and pulled within a game of Utah for the fourth seed in the Western Conference.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 22 points for the Timberwolves, who had a four-game winning streak stopped with just their second loss in 12 games. They missed a chance to move within a half-game of Dallas for the fifth seed.

Hornets 106, Pelicans 103

In Charlotte, N.C., LaMelo Ball and Terry Rozier each scored 17 points and Charlotte came back to beat New Orleans for its fifth straight win.

Miles Bridges added 15 points and Mason Plumlee had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets, who trailed most of the second half and overcame 17 turnovers.

CJ McCollum scored 27 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 24 points and 18 rebounds for the Pelicans, who took an 84-76 lead into the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers 119, Pistons 115

In Detroit, Brandon Williams scored 23 points and Ben McLemore added 21 as the patchwork Portland Trail Blazers ended a four-game losing streak by beating Detroit.

Detroit, which trailed by 23 in the third period, took a 106-105 lead on Luka Garza's free throw with 5:02 to play before Portland responded with a 7-2 run.

Cade Cunningham had two key turnovers down the stretch, and Brandon Williams' layup put the Trail Blazers up 116-112 with 47.8 seconds to go.

The teams combined for an NBA season-high 90 free throws.

Portland had lost 10 of 11 and was missing its top seven scorers this season.

Cunningham and Saddiq Bey scored 25 apiece for the Pistons, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Celtics 132, Thunder 123

In Oklahoma City, Jayson Tatum had 36 points in Boston's victory over Oklahoma City.

Tatum has scored 30 or more in his last three games, extending the streak on 11-of-19 shooting against Oklahoma City. Jaylen Brown added 25 points and Grant Williams scored 20.

Tre Mann set a Thunder franchise rookie scoring record with 35 points on 13-of-21 shooting and 7-of-12 from 3-point range.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, back in the Thunder lineup after being held out of Sunday's loss to Orlando, added 31 points.

Rockets 115, Wizards 97

In Houston, Christian Wood set career highs with eight 3-pointers and 39 points as Houston used a huge late run to rally past Washington.

The Rockets trailed by 23 in the first half but slowly trimmed the deficit before going on a 16-0 spurt over the last minute of the third quarter and the first four minutes of the fourth to take the lead.

Wood made eight of nine attempts from 3-point range, connecting four times in the fourth quarter.

Kristaps Porzingis had 22 points, 13 rebounds and tied a season high with six blocks for the Wizards, who lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Man gets life in prison for murder of NBA's Lorenzen Wright

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A jury on Monday convicted a Tennessee man in the slaying of former NBA player Lorenzen Wright, whose bullet-riddled body was found in a field nearly 12 years ago in his hometown of Memphis.

The 12-person jury deliberated for about two hours before it found Billy Ray Turner guilty of first-degree murder, attempted murder and conspiracy in the death of Wright, a 6-foot, 11-inch center who played 13 seasons in the NBA before he retired after the 2008-2009 season. Judge Lee Coffee sentenced Turner, 51, to life in prison for the murder conviction. He will be sentenced for the other charges at a later date.

Coffee called Wright "a sacred son" of Memphis and told his mother, Deborah Marion, that the trial might not bring her closure but to "celebrate the good" about her son.

Outside the courtroom, Marion told reporters she was elated with the verdict. She said she would visit her son's grave Monday night.

"It'll never be closure, because I'll never see my son again," Marion said. "This is just some satisfaction for me and my family."

The slaying is one of the most highly publicized murder cases in Memphis history. Wright's decomposing body was found riddled with bullet wounds in a swampy field in east Memphis on July 28, 2010. The 34-year-old father of six had been missing for days before his body was discovered.

Turner had already pleaded guilty to possessing a weapon as a convicted felon after he was found with two guns when he was arrested in Wright's killing in 2017. Turner is serving a 16-year prison sentence on the separate gun charge.

Prosecutors allege Wright's ex-wife, Sherra Wright, masterminded a plan to kill her ex-husband and recruited Turner and her cousin, Jimmie Martin, to help her.

Turner and Sherra Wright were indicted in December 2017, more than seven years after the killing. Sherra Wright entered a surprise guilty plea to facilitation of murder in July 2019 and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Turner is a landscaper who knew Sherra Wright from church and, according to prosecutors, had a secret romantic relationship with her.

At the time of Wright's slaying, Martin was facing charges of killing his girlfriend, and he said his cousin helped pay part of his legal fees. Martin was convicted and is currently serving prison time, in that case. He has received immunity from prosecution in the Wright case.

Martin testified that Sherra Wright recruited him and Turner to kill Lorenzen Wright. Parts of his testimony were challenged by defense attorney John Keith Perry, who said the information Martin gave to investigators was a farce and full of lies.

Martin testified that he and Turner met with Sherra Wright to plan the killing and went to Lorenzen Wright's condominium in Atlanta to shoot him, with an understanding that he would get paid.

Armed with handguns, Turner and Martin went to Wright's condo in Atlanta, entered through a window and found someone sleeping on the couch in the living room — but it was not Lorenzen Wright, Martin testified. Turner and Martin returned home without killing anyone.

Martin told prosecutor Paul Hagerman that he was in Batesville, Mississippi, at the time of the shooting just after midnight on July 19, 2010. Martin said he went to the Memphis field with Sherra Wright some days after the shooting and she essentially confessed.

Lorenzen Wright was visiting Memphis from Atlanta. Sherra Wright said she lured her ex-husband to the field by telling him that she was going to meet someone there to get some money, Martin testified. According to Martin, she said that she and Turner ambushed and chased Lorenzen Wright, who jumped a fence and tried to run away before they shot him in the field.

The jury heard a chilling 911 call made by Lorenzen Wright that captured the pop-pop-pop sound of mutiple gunshots.

Martin also said Turner and Wright got rid of evidence from the shooting scene and he went with Turner to dispose of the weapon by dumping it in a north Mississippi lake. Martin said he told detectives in 2012 where the gun was located. It was later found by FBI divers.

In closing arguments, defense attorney John Keith Perry said Martin's "crazy, contrived" story was not believable. Perry said Martin — not Turner — was in Memphis the night Lorenzen Wright was shot.

Prosecutor Paul Hagerman defended Martin's testimony, saying Martin's immunity agreement required him to tell the truth and statements given to investigators and prosecutors have been consistent.

Prosecutor Austin Scofield said Sherra Wright told Turner during a meeting at her house that Lorenzen Wright had a hit out on her.

Citing witness testimony, Scofield said Turner responded: "What do you want me to do, Sherra?"

Neither Turner nor Sherra Wright testified during the trial.

A motive for the slaying was not clear, though Hagerman said the killers were driven by jealousy and greed.

Sherra Wright received $1 million from her ex-husband's life insurance policy and settled a court dispute in 2014 over how she spent the insurance money meant to benefit their six children.

Marion, the slain player's mother, said she's convinced the insurance policy was Sherra Wright's motivation.

"That's what it was about. Money," Marion said.

MLB's free-agent frenzy cools with big names off market

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Major League Baseball's free-agent frenzy was fun while it lasted.

Less than two weeks after it started, it's pretty much over.

Now that the dust has settled, some of the biggest moves weren't a huge surprise: Freddie Freeman is closer to home with the Dodgers, Nick Castellanos chose the Phillies while Trevor Story picked the Red Sox.

Other signings were more unexpected: The Twins swooped in to snag star shortstop Carlos Correa while Kris Bryant surprised most of baseball after his big deal with the Rockies.

For teams that missed out on marquee additions, there isn't much left.

Outfielders Michael Conforto, Tommy Pham and Kevin Pillar are probably the biggest names left without a team. Right-hander Johnny Cueto is among the leading pitching options.

Free agency was a bit more fast-paced than normal because of a 99-day lockout that froze 40-man roster transactions from Dec. 2 to March 10. Los Angeles Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman compared the early free agency action to "drinking out of a firehose" during a dizzying few days of negotiating.

These days, it's more like drinking from a regular old water fountain as the sport's April 7 opening day rapidly approaches.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman, left, announces the arrival of free agent Freddie Freeman during a news conference at spring training baseball, Friday, March 18, 2022, in Glendale, Ariz.

OHTANI ON THE BUMP

Two-way Japanese star Shohei Ohtani had a solid spring training debut on the mound, striking out five batters while giving up one run over 2 1/3 innings for the Los Angeles Angels.

"Felt good out there for my first start," Ohtani said through an interpreter.

Last year's American League MVP was sharp in the first, getting a called strike on his first pitch to Kansas City's Kyle Isbel and then earning the strikeout by blowing a high fastball past the left fielder three pitches later.

The right-hander retired seven of the 11 hitters he faced. He threw 50 pitches, including 33 strikes. He was expected to throw about 45 pitches.

"The last two hits I gave up were sliders down the middle, so that's something I need to work on," Ohtani said.

Ohtani led the AL with 46 homers and was 9-2 on the mound with a 3.18 ERA last season.

MCMAHON, ROCKIES AGREE TO DEAL

The Colorado Rockies continued their recent spending spree after infielder Ryan McMahon agreed to a $70 million, six-year contract that avoided salary arbitration.

McMahon gets $5 million this season, $9 million in 2023, $12 million in each of the following two seasons and $16 million in each of the last two years.

He can opt out of the contract following the 2025 season and become a free agent if he finishes among the top five in MVP voting in any year from 2022-24. He can opt out after the 2026 season if he finishes among the top five in MVP voting in 2025.

McMahon set career bests last year with a .254 average and 86 RBIs, and he had 23 homers, one shy of his high. He has a .243 career average with 61 homers and 215 RBIs. The move comes less than a week after the Rockies added 2016 MVP Kris Bryant on a $182 million, seven-year deal.

PEREZ TO D-BACKS

The Diamondbacks made a few moves with their pitching staff, signing veteran left-hander Óliver Pérez to a minor league deal and claiming left-hander Caleb Baragar off waivers.

The 40-year-old Perez is attempting to play in his 20th big league season. He debuted as a 20-year-old with the San Diego Padres in 2002. Perez had five scoreless outings for Cleveland last season, giving up five hits over 3 2/3 innings and striking out four.

The 27-year-old Barager had a 2.78 ERA over 49 appearances for the Giants over the past two seasons.

Appeals court orders Manfred letter to Yankees unsealed

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal appeals panel has affirmed a lower court's decision to unseal a letter from baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred to Yankees general manager Brian Cashman detailing an investigation into sign stealing.

The panel made the decision Monday in upholding the April 2020 ruling by U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff to dismiss a lawsuit by fantasy sports contestants who claimed they were damaged by sign stealing in Major League Baseball.

"At its core, this action is nothing more than claims brought by disgruntled fantasy sports participants, unhappy with the effect that cheating in MLB games may have had on their level of success in fantasy sports contests," Circuit Judge Joseph F. Bianco wrote for a panel that also included Chief Judge Debra Ann Livingston and Circuit Judge Gerard E. Lynch.

The five men who sued participated in fantasy contests hosted by DraftKings from 2017-19.

"We hold that alleged misrepresentations or omissions by organizers and participants in major league sports about the competition itself — such as statements about performance, team strategy, or rules violations — do not give rise to plausible claims sounding in fraud or related legal theories brought by consumers of a fantasy sports competition who are utilizing a league's player statistics," Blanco wrote.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred ruled in January 2020 that the Astros violated rules against electronic sign-stealing during home games en route to their World Series title in 2017 and again in 2018. He suspended manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow for one season each, and both were fired by the team. Manfred fined the Astros $5 million, the maximum under MLB rules and stripped the team of its next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

Manfred fined the Red Sox in 2017 for using Apple Watches to pass along signals and fined the Yankees a lesser amount for improper use of a dugout telephone in an earlier year. He concluded in April 2020 that sign-stealing efforts by the Red Sox en route to the 2018 title were less egregious than those by the 2017 Astros. Alex Cora, who had lost his job as Boston manager, was suspended for the 2020 season for his role as Houston's bench coach.

Hinch was hired to manage Detroit for the 2021 season, and Cora returned to the Red Sox job.

The fans who sued alleged Manfred's letter "contradicted a subsequent MLB press release on the same subject," the circuit court wrote. "Because a substantial portion of the substance of the letter has already been disclosed in the press release about the investigation issued by MLB, we conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in unsealing the letter, subject to redacting the names of certain individuals."

Rakoff ruled Manfred's letter to the Yankees should be unsealed, and the team appealed.

"The Yankees primarily contend they will suffer 'significant and irreparable reputational harm' not because of the actual substance of the Yankees letter, but rather because its content would be distorted to falsely and unfairly generate the confusing scenario that the Yankees had somehow violated MLB's sign stealing rules, when in fact the Yankees did not," Blanco wrote. "That argument, however, carries little weight. Disclosure of the document will allow the public to independently assess MLB's conclusion regarding the internal investigation (as articulated to the Yankees), and the Yankees are fully capable of disseminating their own views regarding the actual content of the Yankees letter."

The Yankees can ask all 13 judges of the 2nd Circuit to meet en banc to reconsider the decision.

MLB BRIEFS

Ryan McMahon, Rockies agree to $70M, 6-year contract

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Infielder Ryan McMahon and the Colorado Rockies agreed Monday to a $70 million, six-year contract that avoided salary arbitration.

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He can opt out of the contract following the 2025 season and become a free agent if he finishes among the top five in MVP voting in any year from 2022-24. He can opt out after the 2026 season if he finishes among the top five in MVP voting in 2025.

The 27-year-old had been eligible for arbitration ahead of this season and next, and could have become a free agent after the 2023 season.

McMahon set career bests last year with a .254 average and 86 RBIs, and he had 23 homers, one shy of his high. He has a .243 career average with 61 homers and 215 RBIs.

He is primarily a third baseman and second baseman but also plays first and occasionally shortstop.

Six Rockies remain eligible for arbitration: right-handers Carlos Estévez, Peter Lambert and Robert Stephenson, left-hander Kyle Freeland, second baseman Garrett Hampson and outfielder Raimel Tapia.

Schwarber finalizes $79 million, 4-year deal with Phillies

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP)—Kyle Schwarber and the Philadelphia Phillies finalized their $79 million, four-year contract on Sunday.

Schwarber gets $19 million this year and $20 million in each of the following three seasons.

A 29-year-old slugging outfielder, Schwarber split last season with Washington and Boston. He hit .266 with 32 home runs and had a grand slam for the Red Sox in the AL Championship Series.

Schwarber will likely serve as the Phillies' designated hitter, with time in the outfield and first base as well.

Philadelphia also has a pending $100 million, five-year contract with free-agent slugger Nick Castellanos, who hit .309 with 34 homers, 100 RBIs and a .939 OPS last year for the Cincinnati Reds.

TakeCare to sponsor NMIFA youth league

TakeCare, a TanHoldings company, and the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association announced today a five-year, $10,000 per year, sponsorship for the youth soccer league.

"TakeCare and the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association share similar goals to benefit the youth in the community," said George Chiu, president/CEO, TakeCare. "Through this partnership, we hope to assist the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association to help youth develop and grow to become world class athletes and help them lead a Balanced Lifestyle that includes Being Active, Relaxing and Unwinding, Eating Right and being Socially Connected"

» 5-year, $50K sponsorship includes league naming rights, logo

"We value and appreciate TakeCare's sponsorship of our youth soccer league," said Ross Zapanta, general secretary, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association. "We look forward to this partnership in helping the islands' youth develop, grow and succeed as soccer players."

NMIFA was established in August 2005 in the CNMI. Prior to the formation of NMIFA, "Association Football" did not exist in the CNMI and the sport was loosely played by about 100 youth and men. The football interest was apparent, but it lacked organization and exposure to the rest of the world. The NMIFA sought to build on that interest in hopes that football would grow exponentially in the CNMI.

Today, NMIFA continues to actively participate with East Asian Football Association EAFF and Asian Football Confederation AFC, and has sent representative national teams to several EAFF- and AFC-sanctioned competitions.

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TakeCare recently announced its sponsorship of the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association youth league. Pictured left to right: Nora Sablan, TakeCare Health Plan manager, Saipan; Vicky Izuka, NMIFA vice president; Russelle Zapanta, NMIFA executive director; Merlie Tolentino, NMIFA deputy general secretary and Melani Santos, TakeCare Customer Service and Referral coordinator.

KFC Bombers drop UOG Tritons in Triton League game,115-82

UOG

University of Guam's Matt Santos takes a shot on the KFC Bombers in the Triton Men's Basketball League Monday night at the UOG Calvo Field House.

The KFC Bombers defeated the University of Guam Men's Basketball Team 115-82 on Monday night at the UOG Calvo Field House in a Triton Men's Basketball League game.

The Bombers came out with a hot shooting hand in the first quarter scoring 37 points in the opening 10 minutes with Jaden Finley leading the way with 9 points. The Tritons opened with a solid 20 points in the first quarter, but on this night, they were 17 points down after the opening period.

The Bombers outscored UOG 23-16 in the 2nd quarter, as both teams cooled off in the 2nd ten minutes, but the Bombers increased their lead to 60-36 at half-time.

The Tritons tried a comeback in the 3rd period, with their own hot shooting quarter as UOG scored 33 points in the 3rd ten-minute period led by Matt Santos with 13 points and the Tritons at several points, cut the Bombers lead to 12 points midway in the quarter, but the Bombers came back themselves and restored their 20 point lead by the end of the third period and led 91-69 entering the fourth period.

The Bombers cruised in the fourth period to a 115-82 victory.

The Bombers were led Jaden Finley with 23 points and Russel Wienn with 18 points. Four other KFC players had double digit points. Matt Santos had 20 points for the Tritons, Diane' Blackmon with 11 points and Ike Solomon with 10 points were the other Tritons in double figures. Santos also hit a miracle shot in the 3rd period, as he stole the ball and while racing down the sideline, was forced out of bounds but threw an underhanded pass/shot toward the UOG goal and the ball banked in for a 3 point score from 50 feet away.

The win pushes the Bombers record to 3-0 in the Triton League while UOG dropped to 0-3. On Wednesday night at 6:30pm, the Bombers face the undefeated MVP Stars (3-0) for the lead in the Triton Men's Basketball League. UOG faces the winless M.B.I. Four Stars (0-3) as both teams battle for their first win in the league.

In the second game of the night, Team Wu Tang defeated Team OG 95-90. Wu Tang moved to 3-1 in the league while Team OG fell to 1-3. Wu Tang was led by Dana Holmes with 26 points while Stefon McCray added 22 points. Team OG was led by Chris Conner with a game leading 39 points. ***(PR)***

CAROL

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next step in the progression in her game, she will need to play more offense with her forehand when her feet are on the baseline and she is in control of the point. Carol is able to defend so well with her speed and excellent movement. I am looking for her to use her speed and court coverage to finish more points at the net and with her forehand," he said.

Lee wasn't the only Yellow Jacket to take home hardware that week as teammate Kylie Bilchev won ACC Freshman of the Week after posting an unblemished record, going 4-0 between doubles and singles.

With teammate Ava Hrastar in doubles, the pair clinched the doubles point against Louisville and gave the Jackets the edge in doubles against the Fighting Irish. The freshman Yellow Jacket pushed her win streak in singles action to five-straight matches, picking up a pair of straight-set wins over the weekend. She owns a 6-3 dual singles record and 5-2 dual doubles ledger on the season.

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kura added one for Matansa, which got its first win after three matches.

Kanoa suffered its first setback in three games with only Jason Tagabuel and Izeah Jolo scoring for the squad.

TanHoldings 1, MP United 0

TanHoldings leads the division as it improved to a 3-0-0 slate after nipping MP United.

Anthony Bergancia registered the lone goal in the match.

TanHoldings will try to stretch its win streak to three this Saturday when it takes on Kanoa.

Shirley's FC 3, Paire 0

Shirley's bagged win No. 1 this season after blanking Paire.

Benneton Haro logged a pair of goals for Shirley's, while his brother contributed one.

Shirley's hopes to make it two in a row this Saturday when it duels MP United.

SASAMOTO

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"I think patience and sticking to my game plan of hole by hole and shot by shot was the key. My drives, iron play, and putting were all pretty consistent. But minimizing the mistakes and managing the course were the key," he said.

It also worked that that weather last Saturday was a perfect day to play golf. "Conditions were typical for a Saipan morning—slightly windy, warm, and humid. It was perfect!" he said.

Sasamoto dedicated his win in the Senior Flight to his family. "In the end I would like to dedicate this win to my three daughters Jodee, Monica, and Naomi in California and my dad who is/was the father of golf here on Saipan."

He also gave a salute to all players that took part in the 17th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament.

"I've been away for a while and it's nice to come back home and win, especially against a quality field. I want to acknowledge and thank my cousin Joe Camacho (aka Kamikaze) who's like a brother to me for all his help and input."

Camacho incidentally finished a shot back of Sasamoto in the Seniors Flight with his 3-over 75, while super senior Nick Sablan edged Wilhelm Maui via scorecard tiebreak to complete the Top 3. Both golfers finished with a 5-over 77.

In the C Flight Daniel Narro won the division with his 7-over 79, followed by Anthony Norita and Isaac Aguon with scores of 81 and 82, respectively. Like the Championship, A, and B flights, first place won $500, second place $300, and third place $200. Cash awards also went to the low gross and low net of the Ladies Flight.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	44	27	.620	—
Boston	45	28	.616	—
Toronto	40	32	.556	4½
Brooklyn	38	34	.528	6½
New York	30	41	.423	14

Southeast Division

y-Miami	47	25	.653	—
Charlotte	37	35	.514	10
Atlanta	35	36	.493	11½
Washington	30	41	.423	16½
Orlando	19	53	.264	28

Central Division

Milwaukee	44	27	.620	—
Chicago	42	29	.592	2
Cleveland	41	31	.569	3½
Indiana	25	47	.347	19½
Detroit	19	53	.264	25½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Memphis	49	23	.681	—
Dallas	44	28	.611	5
New Orleans	30	42	.417	19
San Antonio	28	44	.389	21
Houston	18	54	.250	31

Northwest Division

Utah	45	27	.625	—
Denver	42	30	.583	3
Minnesota	42	31	.575	3½
Portland	27	44	.380	17½
Oklahoma City	20	52	.278	25

Pacific Division

x-Phoenix	58	14	.806	—
Golden State	47	24	.662	10½
L.A. Clippers	36	37	.493	22½
L.A. Lakers	31	41	.431	27
Sacramento	25	48	.342	33½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

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Carol named ACC Player of the Week

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Georgia Tech's Carol Lee made her home islands proud anew after recently being named Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week.

The Yellow Jackets went 2-0 during the week Lee won the prestigious award, downing Louisville and Notre Dame at the Ken Byers Tennis Complex to push its record to 8-4 on the season and 5-1 in ACC play.

According to ramblinwreck.com, Lee went 3-0 between the two matches, picking up a pair of singles victories and clinching the doubles point against the Fighting Irish. Competing at the top singles position in both matches, Lee pocketed a pair of straight-set wins. In singles play, the Jacket boasts an 11-1 dual record this season. She has partnered with teammate Kate Sharabura in doubles to post a 10-0 dual record on the young season.

Lee said winning the ACC Player of the Week was a big honor, but added that her strong play is all for the benefit of the team.

"The thought of winning for the team and representing Georgia Tech motivates me to battle in every match I play. Also, my family, especially my dad, pushes me to work harder and be better as a player and as a person even though we aren't living at the same place. My teammates and my coaches on the other side push me and supports me which I am always grateful and appreciate them," she said.

Georgia Tech tennis head coach Rodney Harmon applauded Lee's growth in the sport the past year.

"Carol is such a hard worker. Her game has improved so much since she came to Georgia Tech. I think if Carol keeps improving her game she will have the chance to be successful on the WTA Tour," he said in a social media message to *Saipan Tribune*.

Harmon said while the 2019 Samoa Mini Games mixed doubles gold medalist has impressed the most with the growth in her transition game and continuing to refine and better utilize her forehand, there is still room for her to improve.

"For Carol to make the

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The CNMI's Carol Lee was recently being named Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week while suiting up for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Two in a row for Matansa in Youth Spring League

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Matansa Football Club notched back-to-back wins in the 2022 TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League to grab a share of the lead in the boys U13 division of the competition last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Matansa, which shut down MP United Football Club-2 in its spring debut, 3-0, this time defeated TanHoldings FC, 3-1, to join MPU United-1 on top of the standings early into the season.

Anton Megino scored two goals for Matansa, while Prince Espiritu made the other goal for the team. Emerson Brillo delivered the lone goal for TanHoldings, which has yet to break into the win column after three games as it absorbed its second loss and has one draw.

Kanoa 7, Shirley's 3

Kanoa got its first victory of the season after downing Shirley's.

Akoni Matsumoto led the win after firing a hat-trick for Kanoa, while Rooney Gil added two, and Aldric Antonio and Ryder Mendiola contributed one apiece.

All of Shirley's goals were courtesy of Bennet Haro, as the team remains winless after three games. Kanoa, on the other hand, improved to a 1-1-1 record.

MP United-1 4, Paire 3

MP United-1 nosed out Paire for a 2-0-0 mark.

Taiga Namai-Scoggins drilled a hat-trick for MP United, while Moshe Sikkel scored the go-ahead goal to hand Paire its first loss of the season.

Dyson Danis nailed a pair for Paire, which drew one goal from Rodney Junior Tomei.

BOYS U16
Matansa 5, Kanoa 2

Matansa also triumphed in the boys U16 game after outclassing Kanoa.

Jerome Mettao and Jack Lizama posted two goals apiece, while Wataru Kado-

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MICHAELA PANGILINAN
Matansa Football Club players (in yellow jersey) pressure a TanHoldings FC player on defense during their game in the boys U13 division of the 2022 TakeCare NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Sasamoto rules Seniors Flight

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Joseph Sasamoto won the Seniors Flight of the 17th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The 59-year-old son of Jose A. Sasamoto, known as the father of golf on Saipan, fired a 2-over par 74 to top the 50-and-over division.

The win marked Sasamoto's first ever seniors division championship as he never really competed in golf tournaments before being qualified to take part in the senior category. He, however, has been playing the sport since he was 14 years old.

Asked what worked for him during the Northern Marianas College fundraiser, the former County of Santa Clara, California resident said his persistence allowed him to stay level-headed and play at the best of his ability.

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NMC
Joseph Sasamoto, center and the Senior Flight winner of the 17th Annual NMC Foundation Golf Tournament, poses with, from left, Northern Marianas College regents Michelle Lin Sablan, Jesse Tudela, and Zenie Mafnas, NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, NMC regent Irene Torres, NMC Foundation board member Roman Tudela, and NMC Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.